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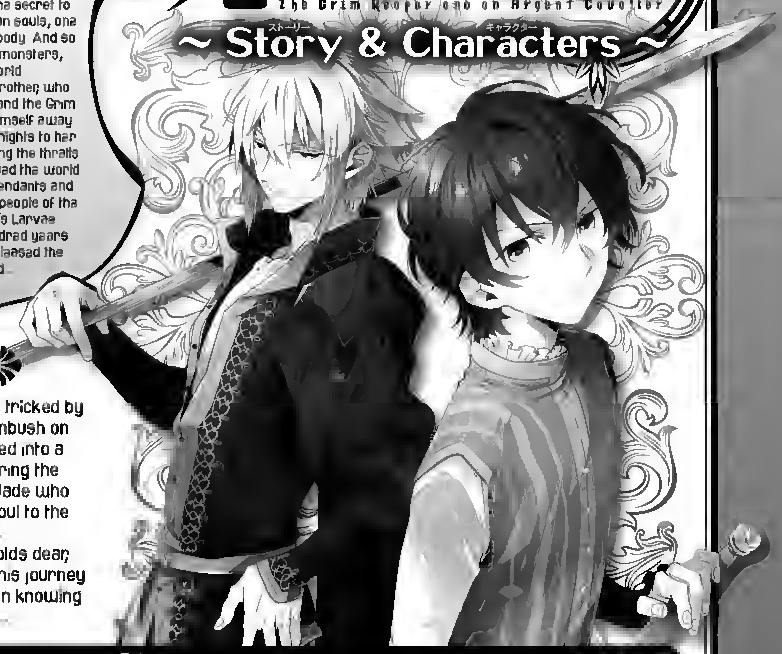
~ Story & Characters ~

~ Prologue ~

Long ago, there lived two powerful magicians, a brother and sister.
One day, the brother learned the secret to immortality: by consuming human souls, one can obtain an unaging, undying body. And so he unleashed soul-devouring monsters, the Larvae, upon the world.
The sister fought against her brother, who had become a reaper of souls, and the Grim Reaper, gravely wounded, hid himself away. After this, his sister gathered knights to her cause, and went about eradicating the threats with which her brother had plagued the world. Even after her death, her descendants and knights continued to protect the people of the world from the Grim Reaper's Larvae.
Our story takes place two hundred years after the Grim Reaper first released the Larvae upon the world...



~ The Story So Far ~

Cyan, an Argent Cavalier, was tricked by the Grim Reaper during the ambush on Lemuria Castle, and was turned into a monster hungry for souls. During the chaos, he met a man named Jade who had also unwittingly sold his soul to the Grim Reaper many years ago.
In order to protect those he holds dear, Cyan chooses to join Jade on his journey to defeat the Grim Reaper, even knowing that a thorny path awaits him...

~ Characters ~

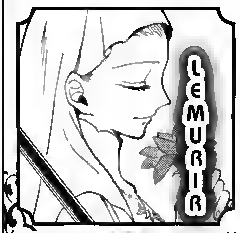
JADE LEMURIA

The eldest son of the hierarch before last, he lost his life in an attack sixty years ago, and was turned into a Larvae by the Grim Reaper. His magic is so powerful that he was once called the second coming of Lemuria herself.

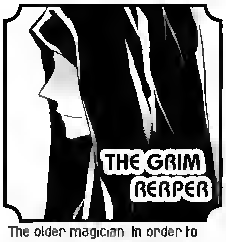
CYAN

A former member of the Argent Cavaliers. After becoming a Larvae, he left the Cavaliers and joined Jade on a quest to find the Grim Reaper.
A serious boy with a strong sense of justice.

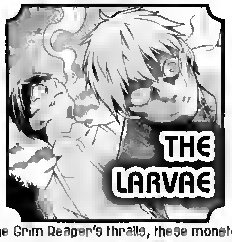
~ Keyword ~



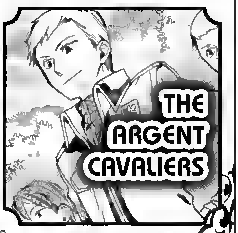
The younger magician. Her spells could heal the wounded and cure the sick. In order to fight her brother after he became the Grim Reaper, she bestowed weapons upon her followers, thus creating the Argent Cavaliers.



The older magician. In order to become immortal, he consumed human souls, and in doing so became the Grim Reaper. He spread the Larvae around the world to gather him more souls.



The Grim Reaper's threats, these monsters appear in the darkness of night or shadow, searching for human souls to take. Their bodies look no different than human ones save for their red pupils and the mark of the Grim Reaper upon their necks.



Created by Saint Lemuria in order to eradicate the Larvae. They defeat stray Larvae by piercing the monsters' hearts with silver weapons imbued with Lemuria's magic.

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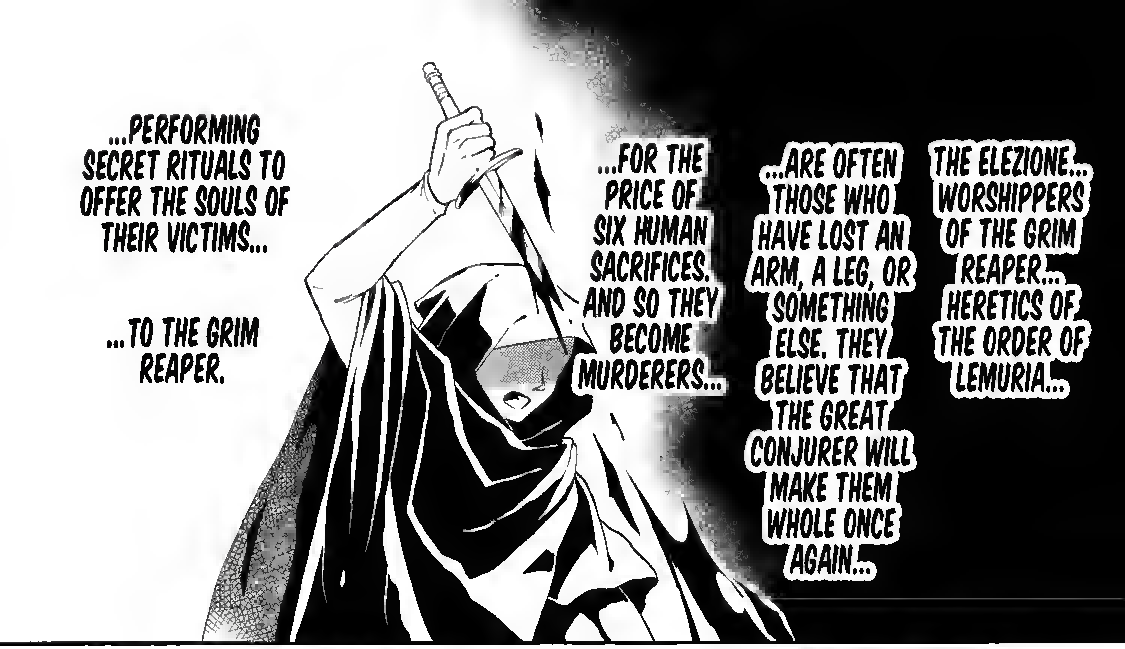
CHAPTER 2

ANOTHER SUSPICIOUS BODY...
THERE'S A SMALL CUT ON HIS NECK...
...BUT NO OTHER OBVIOUS WOUNDS.
SHUF
ARE YOU THE ARGENT CAVA-LIERS?
LOOK AT HIS FACE... IT LOOKS JUST LIKE IT.
I AGREE.
PAR-DON?
THIS IS THE SAME EXPRESSION ON THE FACES OF THOSE KILLED BY THE LARVAE...
IT'S THE EXPRESSION OF SOMEONE WHOSE SOUL WAS SUDDENLY STOLEN.

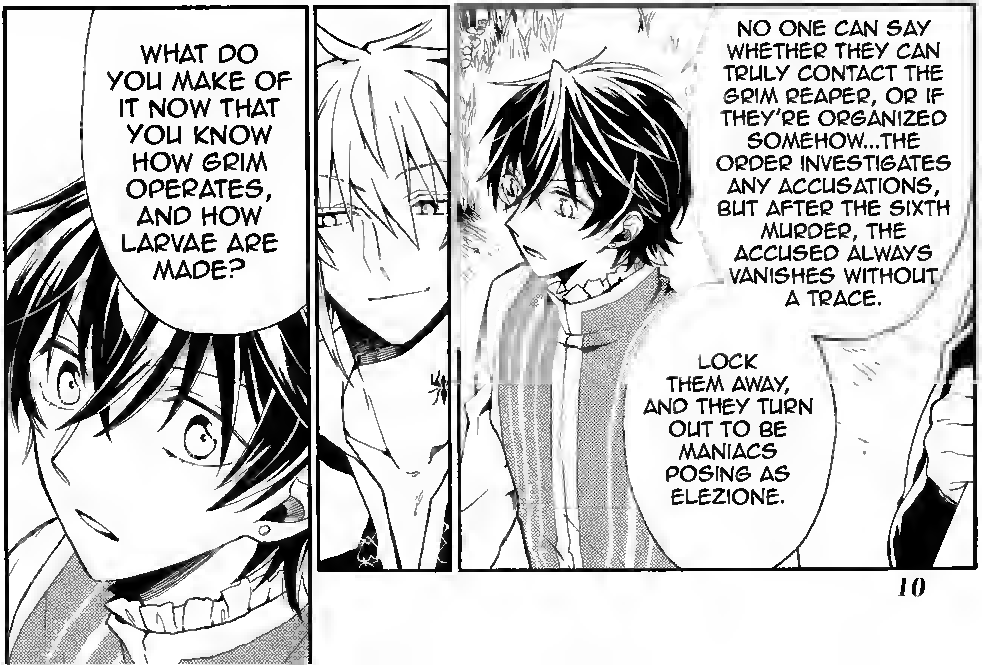
ONLY ONE MORE SACRI-FICE...
WHICH WAY DO WE GO? NORTH? WEST?
NORTH.
WE'LL PASS STRAIGHT THROUGH THE PRESE AREA AND KEEP GOING NORTH.

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM DINOS...
MIMOSA
PRESE
ALE
SABLE
ATOLL
CACHOU
DINOS
PRESE
MIMOSA
PRESE...
CARE TO REST YOUR FEET, SIRS?
WE'VE BEEN TRAVELING NORTH ALL THIS TIME... DO WE HAVE ANY DESTINATION IN PARTICULAR?
I-I'M AFRAID WE DON'T HAVE SPIRITS.
I DON'T MIND STOPPING IF YOU'LL POUR ME A DRINK.
YOU'RE CUTE. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
FLIRT FLIRT
SIRS... ARE YOU TRAVELING TO PRESE? THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST IDEA RIGHT NOW...
HEY, I HAVE A REASON SHE'S CUTE.
WHISPER
MIDDLE OF THE DAY OR NOT, WE SHOULDN'T BE APPROACHING ANYONE WITHOUT GOOD REASON!!
JADE!
WHISPER

...AN ELEZI-ONE...
THEY SAY THAT A SCULPTOR THERE BECAME AN ELEZIONE— A HERETIC WHO WORSHIPS THE GRIM REAPER...
...AND THAT PEOPLE HAVE DIED.
...
THEY KNOW WHO THE HERETIC IS?
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD!
...INTER-ESTING...
HUH?
CYAN. CHANGE OF PLANS.
WE'RE STOPPING IN PRESE.


THE ELEZIONE... WORSHIPPERS OF THE GRIM REAPER... HERETICS OF THE ORDER OF LEMURIA...
...ARE OFTEN THOSE WHO HAVE LOST AN ARM, A LEG, OR SOMETHING ELSE. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE GREAT CONJURER WILL MAKE THEM WHOLE ONCE AGAIN...
...FOR THE PRICE OF SIX HUMAN SACRIFICES. AND SO THEY BECOME MURDERERS...
...PERFORMING SECRET RITUALS TO OFFER THE SOULS OF THEIR VICTIMS...
...TO THE GRIM REAPER.

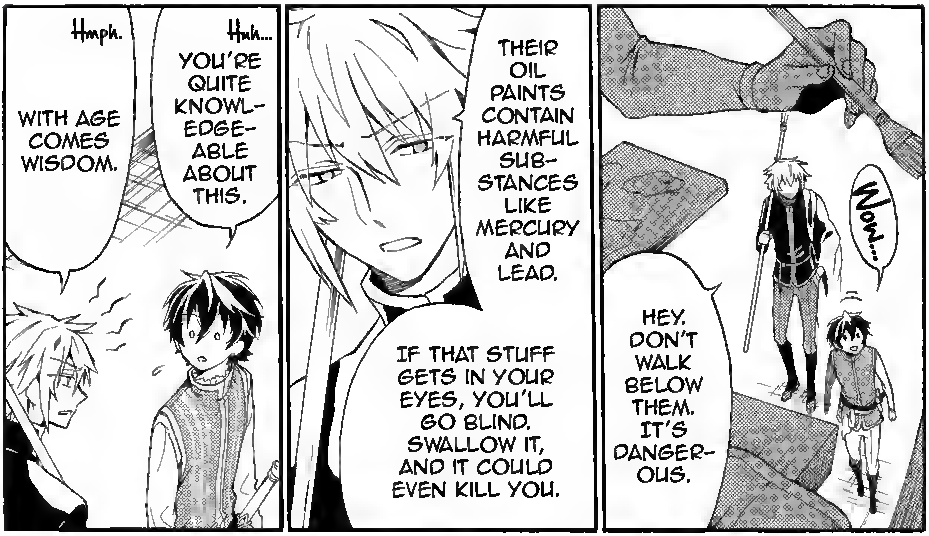
PLEASE! OF COURSE I ALREADY KNEW THAT MUCH!
ALL CAUGHT UP NOW?

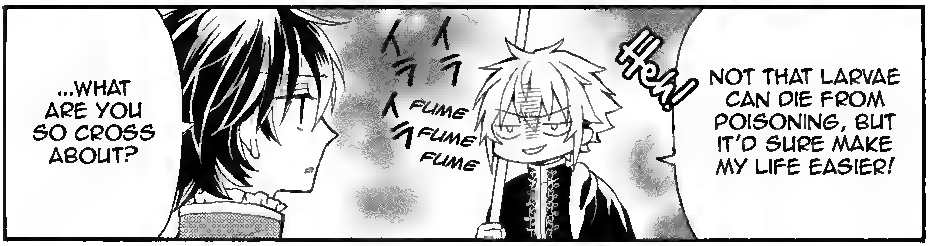

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW GRIM OPERATES, AND HOW LARVAE ARE MADE?
NO ONE CAN SAY WHETHER THEY CAN TRULY CONTACT THE GRIM REAPER, OR IF THEY'RE ORGANIZED SOMEHOW...THE ORDER INVESTIGATES ANY ACCUSATIONS, BUT AFTER THE SIXTH MURDER, THE ACCUSED ALWAYS VANISHES WITHOUT A TRACE.
LOCK THEM AWAY, AND THEY TURN OUT TO BE MANIACS POSING AS ELEZIONE.

THE GRIM REAPER TRICKS THE NEWLY-DEAD SAYING HE CAN BRING THEM BACK TO LIFE, AND TURNS THEM INTO LARVAE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN...
...IF HE APPEARED BEFORE SOMEONE WHO'D LOST THE USE OF PART OF THEIR BODY..
...AND PROM-ISED TO RETURN IT TO THEM FOR THE PRICE OF SIX SOULS?
TO USE MAGIC...
...IS TO SHAVE TIME OFF OF ONE'S SOUL.
HE HAS THE ELEZIONE GATHER THE NUMBER OF SOULS HE NEEDS TO CREATE A LARVAE... AND THEN TURNS THEM INTO ONE...?!
PROLLY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM AFTER THEY VANISH...
...BUT I CAN SAY THIS MUCH FOR SURE— GRIM'S PULLING THE STRINGS.
ぎゅむっ

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S SEEN IT
AN ELEZIONE DISAPPEARING IN ONE OF GRIM'S MAGIC CIRCLES AFTER THE FINAL RITUAL
...IF WE LEAP INTO THAT MAGIC CIRCLE FROM THE FINAL RITUAL...
...IT COULD TAKE US STRAIGHT TO THE GRIM REAPER!
THAT'S MUCH MORE CERTAIN THAN CHASING AFTER LARVAE!
YUP.
BUT THE ELEZIONE HIDE THEIR APPEARANCE AND KEEP THEIR RITUALS ON THE DOWN-LOW.
IT'S NO EASY FEAT TRACKING THEM DOWN... ONLY...
にやっ
SMIRK
THEY SAY THAT A SCULPTOR THERE BECAME AN ELEZIONE...
AH...

PRESE
THE DECO-RATIONS ON THIS BRIDGE ARE BREATH-TAKING.
A LOTTA ARTISTS LIVE IN PRESE.
THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?
THIS AREA IS PROTECTED BY CAVALIERS WHO ARE STATIONED HERE.
I'VE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTU-NITY TO COME.


Hmph.
WITH AGE COMES WISDOM.
Huh...
YOU'RE QUITE KNOWL-EDGE-ABLE ABOUT THIS.
THEIR OIL PAINTS CONTAIN HARMFUL SUB-STANCES LIKE MERCURY AND LEAD.
IF THAT STUFF GETS IN YOUR EYES, YOU'LL GO BLIND. SWALLOW IT, AND IT COULD EVEN KILL YOU.
Wow...
HEY. DON'T WALK BELOW THEM. IT'S DANGER-OUS.


...WHAT ARE YOU SO CROSS ABOUT?
FUME FUME FUME
Mch!
NOT THAT LARVAE CAN DIE FROM POISONING, BUT IT'D SURE MAKE MY LIFE EASIER!

TWITCH
EXCUSE ME FOR INTER-RUPTING YOUR WORK.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE ELEZIONE WHO LIVES HERE?
I'LL LEAVE HIM BE.

I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA SUFFO-CATE HERE!
I TOLD YOU, I HATE STUFFY FORMAL CRAP!
LOOK HOW TIGHT I GOTTA CLOSE MY COLLAR TO HIDE THE MARK!
IF LARVAE COULD DIE FROM SUFFOCATION, OUR LIVES WOULD BE MUCH EASIER.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, RIKHARD?!
IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN!
FIVE PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BEEN KILLED!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
IT'S A SCULPTOR NAMED MIGUEL.
THE KILLINGS STARTED ONE MONTH AGO, AFTER HE WAS INJURED.
IN-JURED?
HE BROKE HIS RIGHT ARM AND HIS RIGHT LEG. HIS ARM SHOULD BE HEALED BY NOW, BUT HE'S STILL HIDING AWAY IN HIS HOME...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN RUINED. THAT'S WHY HE'S GONE TO THE GRIM REAPER TO—
SLAM

...I CAN'T BLAME RIKHARD FOR NOT WANTING TO BELIEVE IT.
IT IS NOT MIGUEL!
HE'S A DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF LEMURIA, EVEN NOW.
HUSH
しぁ…
RIKHARD AND MIGUEL ARE OLD FRIENDS.
YOU SEE THOSE MOUNTAINS? HE LIVES IN A CABIN UP THERE.
...ANYWAY, WHERE DOES THIS MIGUEL FELLOW LIVE?

WHO'S THERE?
ACK.
ERM...
KNOCK KNOCK
A SCULPTOR WHO'S LOST THE USE OF HIS DOMINANT HAND...
AND A STRING OF MURDERS BEGINNING AT THE SAME TIME.. DEFINITELY FISHY.
WHISPER
IT AIN'T FALSE, IS IT?
← Cavalier
→ Descendant of Lemuria
...LEMURIA?
BAM
WE'RE ENVOYS FROM THE ORDER OF LEMURIA, AND WE'RE COMIN' IN.
JADE?!

PARDON THE INTRUSION. MY NAME IS CYAN. ARE YOU MIGUEL, SIR?
YES.
SWIP
...I KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE.
YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHETHER I'M AN ELEZIO—
STAGGER
WHOOPS
CLACK

MR. MIGUEL... YOUR RIGHT ARM. IT'S RECOVERED COMPLETELY?
YES. BUT MY LEG STILL AILS ME, SO I NEED THIS CANE TO WALK.
COMING IN? YOU CAN SEARCH MY HOUSE ALL YOU LIKE...
...FOR PROOF OF HERESY.
"DINOS"... "PILLARS OF THE BARRIER"...?

SEE ALL THE BOOKS ABOUT THE ORDER OF LEMURIA?
MY GRAND-FATHER WAS A DEVOUT BELIEVER.
!
MY GRAND-FATHER LED THE TEAM THAT SCULPTED THE STATUES USED IN THE DINOS BARRIER.
HE DE-SIGNED THEM HIM-SELF.
HE TOLD ME THE STORY OF LEMURIA ALL THE TIME.
...BUT BEFORE THOSE MONSTERS WERE AROUND...
NOWADAYS, THE ORDER OF LEMURIA ONLY EXTERMINATES LARVAE...
...HEALING THE SICK AND INJURED. SHE SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES.
...LEMURIA TRAVELED THE WORLD...
LEMURIA IS TRULY THE SYMBOL OF HEALING...
...GUESS WE'LL DIG AROUND A LITTLE MORE IN TOWN.
EITHER SOMEONE ELSE IS THIS ELEZIONE... OR IT'S AN UNRELATED KILLER PRETENDING TO BE ONE.
...WITH HIS ARM HEALED, HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY MOTIVE.

MAYOR ...
A BIG JOB HAS COME FOR YOU!
RIKHARD!
SHE WOULD LIKE YOU TO REPAIR THE STATUES IN DINOS.
I HAVE A REQUEST HERE FROM HER HOLINESS, HIERARCH BERYL.
WE'RE FROM THE ARGENT CAVALIERS' MAIN BASE. MY NAME IS CLAY AIKMAN.
I DECLINE.
I AM A PAINTER, NOT A SCULPTOR.

UH?
YES, YES, BUT YOU CAN SCULPT TOO, CAN YOU NOT?! THIS JOB COMES FROM THE HIERARCH HERSELF. THINK OF THE HONOR THAT THIS JOB WOULD—
THAT JOB IS MEANT FOR MIGUEL, IS IT NOT?
PATRON.
ゴクッ
MIGUEL IS A MUCH BETTER SCULPTOR THAN I.
YOU SHOULD GO TO HIM.
MIGUEL HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF HERESY...
...BUT THERE'S NO PROOF, IS THERE?
CLICK
CLICK
CAPTAIN CLAY, SHOULD WE GO TO SEE THIS MR. MIGUEL?
MM. YOU GO. AS FOR ME...
I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO TAKE CARE OF.

Miguel
THIS IS ONE OF MIGUEL'S SCULPTURES...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING BY THIS STATUE?
HE'S THAT PAINTER..
AHEM...I WAS JUST WONDERING WHETHER IT'S FINISHED OR NOT.
...MIGUEL IS THE BEST SCULPTOR IN THIS ENTIRE TOWN.
IF HE COULD HAVE COMPLETED IT, THIS STATUE OF LEMURIA WOULD BE A MASTERPIECE...
IF HE COULD HAVE...?

THE MAYOR WAS PATRON TO BOTH MYSELF AND MIGUEL.
THE MAYOR... HE DOESN'T SEE MIGUEL'S GENIUS...
...BEFORE THIS STATUE COULD BE COMPLETED...
...HE CUT MIGUEL OFF.

LEMURIA... IS THE SYMBOL OF HEALING...
...IF YOU ARE, THEN...
...THEN SAVE ME...

BOTH HIS PAINTING AND HIS SCULPTING ARE PERFECT...
RIKHARO IS A PRODIGY.
RIKHARO AND I BOTH STUDIED UNDER AN ARTIST WHO WAS EMPLOYED BY THE MAYOR.
YOU NEED TO DEVOTE YOURSELF TOO, MIGUEL.
...YET NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY...
I'VE FOCUSED ONLY ON SCULPTING...
...AND HE'S PRAISED FOR IT.
...I CANNOT COMPARE TO A GENIUS.
IT'S SO VEXING.
DON'T CRY.
SHUT UP! GO AWAY...
THE MAYOR DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT ART. MY CHISELING IS A CHEAP IMITATION.
YOU'RE A FAR BETTER SCULPTOR THAN ME.

WE'LL BECOME MAESTROS TOGETHER!
I'LL PAINT, AND YOU'LL SCULPT.
I LIKE YOUR WORK.
HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF.
HE'D FINALLY RECOGNIZED MY SKILL.
THE MAYOR COMMISSIONED A HUGE STATUE FROM ME.
OR SO I THOUGHT...
I'M SORRY, BUT I WON'T BE SUPPORTING YOU ANYMORE.
I WANT TO FOCUS ON SUPPORTING RIKHARD'S MURAL.
MIGUEL! I HEARD THAT THE MAYOR CUT YOU OFF...
...YES. YES, HE DID...

YOU CAN DO ANYTHING. HE DOESN'T NEED ANYONE ELSE WITH YOU AROUND.
THERE'S NO POINT IN ME BEING AROUND..
GET IT TOGETHER! YOU'RE SKILLED.
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU'LL HAVE A NEW PATRON—
SHUT UP!
WHAT DO YOU KN...
WHAM
ぐら
TUMBLE
MIGUEL ...?
RIKHARD!

MIGUEL!
...GUEL.
MR. MIGUEL?
WE'D LIKE TO HIRE YOU TO REPAIR A STATUE...
WE'RE FROM THE ARGENT CAVALIERS' HEAD-QUARTERS.
...OUT.
SHATTER
GET OUT!

CREAK
キ"…
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO WHEN I...
コ!!
TAP
YOU CAN STILL FIND HOPE...
...IN THE GRIM REAPER.
MIGUEL...
ONLY ONE MORE SACRIFICE...

...AND THE GRIM REAPER'S MAGIC CAN GRANT YOUR WISH.
MY GRANDPA MADE SOMETHING THIS INCREDIBLE?
...I WANNA MAKE SOMETHING THIS BIG, TOO.
THIS IS THE BARRIER'S PILLAR...
CRUNCH

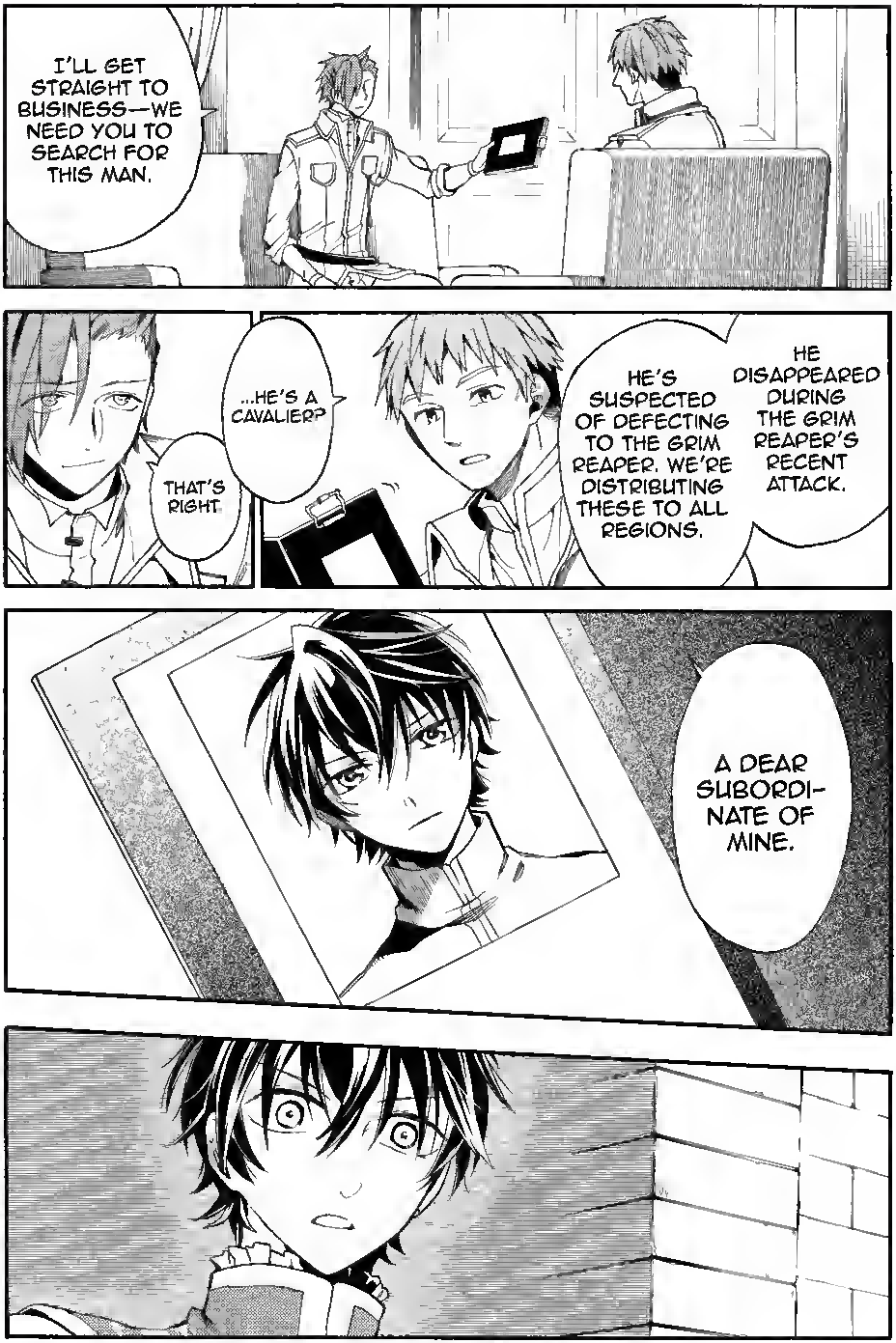
THAT STATUE REPAIR JOB CAME TODAY, RIGHT?
THANK GOODNESS. YOUR ARM DID HEAL!
IS THAT YOU, RIKHARD?
TAP コツ
TAP コツ
MIGUEL!
I CAN'T REPAIR ANY STATUES LIKE THIS.
...MIGUEL?
...NO.

THE PAINTS...
YOU CAN'T SEE...?

I CAN'T TELL HOW FAR YOU ARE FROM ME.
I CAN'T SEE YOU AT ALL...

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CREATE ANYTHING WITH THESE EYES...?!
NO... MIGUEL...
...I ONLY HAVE ONE OPTION LEFT.
ONE MORE SACRIFICE, AND HE'LL FIX MY EYES...!

ARGENT CAVALIERS PRESE BASE
KACHAK
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
NO PROB-LEM.
I'M THE ONE WHO DROPPED IN WITH-OUT ANY WARNING.
THE GRIM REAPER...
...WILL GIVE ME NEW SIGHT!


I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO BUSINESS—WE NEED YOU TO SEARCH FOR THIS MAN.
...HE'S A CAVALIER?
THAT'S RIGHT.
HE'S SUSPECTED OF DEFECTING TO THE GRIM REAPER. WE'RE DISTRIBUTING THESE TO ALL REGIONS.
HE DISAPPEARED DURING THE GRIM REAPER'S RECENT ATTACK.
A DEAR SUBORDI-NATE OF MINE.

MR. RIKHARD!
MIGUEL...YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER HIM... HE STABBED A TOWNSWOMAN AND DRAGGED HER AWAY...!
HE WAS WITH SOMEONE CLAD IN A BLACK ROBE...
HE...HE LOST HIS SIGHT...!
CLATTER
Augh...!
SLUMP
TAP
MIGUEL. IT'S TIME FOR THE FINAL RITUAL.
...CAN'T...

I WAS JEALOUS OF RIKHARD.
I KEPT SCULPTING BECAUSE I REFUSED TO LOSE TO HIM.

BUT THERE WAS MORE TO IT THAN THAT.

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
ハハハ
I WANTED TO BE RECOGNIZED.
AS MY LORD'S POWER...
...YOUR SOUL WILL BE REBORN.
SO THAT I COULD STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH RIKHARD.

FOR THE PROMISE WE MADE.

MIGUEL!
MIGUEL!
NO SOUL... IT'S BEEN REAPED...

...AND THE ELEZIONE VANISHES.
TCH. WE'RE TOO LATE.
CREAK
OH, YES.
CREAK
YOU WERE ONE STEP BEHIND HIM.
?!
...OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY TWO STEPS?

JADE...I FINALLY FOUND YOU.
YOU...!

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CHAPTER 3
JADE... I FINALLY FOUND YOU.
..ヤマ SST
A LARVAE !?
WHOOSH
JA—

CLOMP
JADE!
?!
Frozen.
WHUMP
THUD
CONFUSION
?!
?!
CONFUSION
DON'T TACKLE ME, YOU CREEP!!
AND WHO IS THIS FELLOW?!
HOW COULD YOU ABANDON ME AND DISAPPEAR, YOU—
WHAM

...ARE YOU BLIND? HE'S A LARVAE.
A FORMER ARGENT CAVA-LIER.
HIS NAME'S CYAN.
J...
JADE, WHO IN THE WORLD IS THIS MAN?
OHP IF HE'S IN CONTROL OF HIMSELF... HE'S A NEW RECRUIT, THEN?
AM I NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?!
YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD ME AS YOUR PARTNEEER!
CLING
I SAID DON'T GRAB ME! I'LL STAB YOU THROUGH THE HEART!
WH- WHO IS HE?!
OH NOOO!
Goodness. You're such a brute!
SWIP
HUH?
RIGHT... THIS GUY...

HE'S ANOTHER LARVAE KEEPING HIS SANITY BY USING THE LIGNIS FLOWER, SAME AS YOU AND ME.
WE'RE HUNTING THE GRIM REAPER TOGETHER.
WHA...
LEAN
HMMM.
YOU NEVER SAID YOU HAD COM-RADES!
OH YEAH. I DIDN'T.
MY BAD.
SHRUG

WELL, IF JADE TRUSTS YOU, THEN I HAVE NO OBJEC-TIONS.
"""
MY NAME IS BRIGHT.
JADE FOUND ME, OH, ABOUT TWENTY YEARS AGO. PLEASED TO MEET YOU, CYAN.
REACH
TRUSTS ME...?
TH-THE PLEASURE IS MINE, SIR BRIGHT.
STARE
?
YOU'RE RATHER CUTE UP CLOSE.
DUCK
AWWW...!
SO.

THREE WEEKS AGO
I HEAR THERE WERE LARVAE IN HAZE AND VISTA.
YOU TOLD ME TO BE HERE YOURSELF!!
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN PRESE?
TWO PLACES AT ONCE? LET'S SPLIT UP...
...AND THEN MEET UP AGAIN IN PRESE.
GOT IT!
Haze
Vista
Prese
PRESE
FOUR DAYS LATER
SNIFFLE
...JADE?
TWO DAYS LATER

YOU NEVER SHOWED UP. I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU'D BEEN DISPATCHED BY THE CAVALIERS!
WHOOPS. NOW I REMEMBER.
I HEARD THERE WERE LARVAE IN A NEARBY TOWN TOO...
...AND THEN THERE WERE MORE LARVAE SIGHTINGS THAT SEEMED TO BE HEADING FOR DINOS...
...SO I FOLLOWED THE TRAIL.
Sighting
Sighting
Sighting
Dinos
WHERE THE GRIM REAPER MADE HIS APPEARANCE, YES? I HAD AN INKLING YOU'D GONE TO DINOS.
AS FOR MYSELF, I'D HEARD THE RUMORS OF AN ELEZIONE...
...SO I WAS KEEPING WATCH ON MIGUEL.
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

ARGENT CAVALIERS...
RUSTLE
...I MISSED THE FINAL RITUAL, BUT I DID GET SOMETHING.
"AFTER ALL"?
ALTHOUGH THEY SLIPPED AWAY.
THERE WAS A SECOND ELEZIONE THERE AFTER ALL.
THAT WOULD MAKE IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO DRAG A STRUGGLING SACRIFICE OFF WITHOUT ANY HELP, WOULDN'T IT?
DOESN'T IT STRIKE YOU AS ODD? THE ELEZIONE... THEY AREN'T ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE.

SOMEONE'S GIVING THE ELEZIONE A HELPING HAND.
BY THE TIME I ARRIVED, MIGUEL WAS VANISHING, AND A ROBED PERSON WAS THERE.
ONLY...
FLUTTER
...THEY DISAP-PEARED...
...BEFORE I COULD EVEN SEE THEIR FACE.

...BUT THERE'S NO HARM IN HAVING A DESCRIPTION, ANYWAY.
...THERE'S NO TELLING WHETHER THEY'LL STICK AROUND IN THIS TOWN...
Oh?
ARE YOU GOING TO SEARCH FOR THEM? SURELY THEY'VE ALREADY RETURNED TO THE GRIM REAPER'S SIDE.
HE WAS WITH SOMEONE CLAD IN A BLACK ROBE...
WAIT...MR. RIKHARD MAY HAVE SEEN THEIR FACE!
MEETING AN ELEZIONE IS A RARE CHANCE...THEY COULD KNOW WHERE GRIM'S HIDING.
IF WE RUN INTO THEM SOMEPLACE ELSE, WE CAN CAPTURE THEM THEN.
...BUT WE WERE ONE STEP BEHIND HIM.
WHEN WE LEARNED THAT MIGUEL CARRIED A WOMAN OFF, WE CAME AS FAST AS WE COULD...
CAPTAIN CLAY!
THE SUN'S ALREADY SETTING. WE'LL WAIT UNTIL MORNING, AND THEN GO PAY RIKHARD A VISIT.

AND NO ONE ELSE WAS HERE?
N...
NO ONE.
Not so loud, kid.
OH? FRIEND OF YOURS?
CLAY?!
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
I TOLD YOU HE WAS AN ARGENT CAVALIER.
THERE ARE TOWNS-PEOPLE WHO'VE SEEN CYAN!
YOU MEAN FROM THE WANTED POSTER ?!
RIGHT. THEY SAID HE WAS ASKING AROUND ABOUT THE ELEZIONE.
WANTED POSTER ?!
LET THE PRESE CAVALIERS DEAL WITH THIS. FIND CYAN!
YES, SIR!

WHY NOT WEAR THIS?
The heretic's cloak
I-I HAVE NO IDEA...
WHAT DID YOU DO, HUH? NOW YOU CAN'T WALK AROUND TOWN.
THE MAYOR'S RESI-DENCE
WHAT THE HELL HAS MIGUEL DONE?!
MURMUR MURMUR
THEY SAY THERE WAS A BODY FOUND IN MIGUEL'S HOUSE...
THEN HE WAS AN ELEZIONE AFTER ALL

CLENCH
SLAM
THIS WILL DELAY THE COMPLE-TION OF THE MURAL!
WE'VE LOST THE DINOS STATUE REPAIR JOB AS WELL!
...IT NEVER WOULD HAVE COME TO THIS...!
IF HE'D JUST SEEN MIGUEL'S GENIUS...
HOW COULD HE BECOME A MUR-DERER?
MIGUEL...
THAT MUST BE HOW BADLY HE WANTED TO KEEP CREATING ART...
...EVEN AFTER GOING BLIND... AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I THINK.
WHEN HE WAS LIVING HERE, HE'D TALK ABOUT IT.

RIKHARD IS GIVEN BIG JOBS ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
I NEED TO HURRY AND PROVE MYSELF!
WE PROMISED WE'D BECOME MAESTROS TOGETHER!
HE SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE MANY WORKS OF ART BECAUSE OF THAT...
...I...I SHOULD GO PREPARE BREAKFAST.
CLICK
...MIGUEL...
KNOCK KNOCK

SQUICK
JOLT
HELLOOO!
KACHAK
GASP
WAIT, HOW DID YOU GET UP HERE?! THIS IS THE THIRD FLOOR!
?!
WE CAME DOWN FROM THE ROOF~!
Y-YOU'RE THE MEN FROM YESTER-DAY...
YOU DON'T MIND IF WE DROP IN, DO YOU?
...THE CLOAKED PERSON'S FACE...?
!
...WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE, ANYWAY?

I'M AN ARGENT CAVA-LIER.
WE'RE INVESTI-GATING THE ELEZIONE.
...I DIDN'T SEE THEIR FACE.
THE CLOAKED ONE, ARE THEY AN ELEZIONE TOO?
WE BELIEVE THEY WERE ASSISTING MIGUEL.

...YOU MAY BE RIGHT...
IT WAS THE CLOAKED ONE WHO GRABBED THE WOMAN... PROBABLY BECAUSE OF HIS BLINDNESS.
...MMN?
MIGUEL'S BLIND? THEN HIS GOAL WAS TO HEAL HIS EYES, NOT HIS ARM?
Hnnh?
YOU SAID YOU WERE WATCHING HIM. YOU DIDN'T REALIZE?

GMMF
ゴッ
?
WAAH!
DID YOU WANT ME TO WATCH HIM AT NIGHT TOO? I'D SEE HIS—
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO HELP IT? THAT MIGUEL FELLOW NEVER CAME OUT IN THE DAYLIGHT!
WELL, HE WAS USING THAT CANE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO HIS LEG INSTEAD.
WE DIDN'T REALIZE IT OURSELVES UNTIL WE HEARD IT FROM RIKHARD.
...WAIT...
YOU'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE I TOLD ABOUT HIS BLINDNESS...
CHOP
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CHOP
トン
BUT SHE KNEW MIGUEL HAD GONE BLIND...
THE SERVANT...

IRIS KNEW...!
CHOP CHOP
トン トン
MIND IF WE BORROW YOU FOR A MINUTE?
WH... WHO ARE YOU?
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT MIGUEL HAD LOST HIS SIGHT?
EXCUSE ME? EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT ALL MORNING.
NOT TRUE. NO ONE ELSE KNOWS HE WENT BLIND.

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WOULD KNOW THAT ARE RIKHARD, WHOM MIGUEL ATTACKED...
...AND THE SECOND ELEZIONE.

...HMM? WHO'S ALL THIS?
CLICK

SST
WH...
PUSH
BAM
CLACK

IRIS? WHAT ARE Y...
GRAB
EEK!
SHATTER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIV

IF I MADE YOU AWAKEN ...
...WOULD MY MASTER PRAISE ME?
...OH, YES...
COMPARED TO SENDING HIM A HUMAN TO BE TURNED INTO A LARVAE...
SURELY HE WOULD FIND THIS MUCH MORE DELIGHT-FUL...!
...WHAT ARE YOU?
...WE WERE RIGHT... HE DOES CHANGE THE ELEZIONE INTO LARVAE...!

WHY CAN'T WE SEE YOUR SOUL?
WERE YOU TURNED INTO A LARVAE? THEN HOW ARE YOU STILL IN CONTROL OF YOURSELF?
GIGGLE
I'M NOT THE SAME AS THEM.
I MAY TAKE OTHERS SOULS AS LARVAE DO...BUT DON'T INSULT ME.
PRESS
I AM A LATEO.
I HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING IMMORTAL, THE SAME AS MY LORD...
...AS HIS DEVOTED SERVANT...

MIGUEL... WHAT A USELESS MAN...
SIGH
...I COULD HAVE TEMPTED RIKHARD AS WELL...
IF ONLY HE'D RUINED RIKHARD'S ARM...
YES.
...MIX IN AMONG THE HUMANS, AND SEARCH FOR THOSE SUITABLE TO BECOME LARVAE, TO INCREASE THEIR NUMBER... HUMANS LIKE MIGUEL. THAT IS MY ROLE.
I RELEASE LARVAE INTO TOWNS IN HIS PLACE...
LATEO...?
IT'S ONE AGAINST THREE. DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN GET OUT OF HERE?
...IF YOU'RE THE SAME AS THE GRIM REAPER, THEN MY LUX SPELL CAN KILL YOU, CAN'T IT?
YOU...!
AH HA HA!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
EVEN IF HE'D MEANT TO DO THAT, HE COULDN'T SEE!

WHOEVER SAID SHE WAS ALONE?
THRUNK
JADE!
HSS
CYAN!

HE'S FAST!
WHOOSH
ONE MORE OF YOU MAKES NO DIFFER-ENCE.
WE CAN'T BE KILLED WITH ORDINARY SWORDS, YOU KNOW.

SHWOO
...ARE YOU SURE YOU'D CALL THESE... ...ORDINARY SWORDS?
GASP
CHUCKLE
...TCH.
GLOOP
IF THOSE WERE ORDINARY BLADES, HE WOULD ALREADY HAVE REGENERATED...
...kw!
WHOOSH
...WH—
YOUR SWORD LOOKS FOREIGN TO ME.
IS IT AN ARGENT SWORD TOO?

!
HE HAS ARGENT SWORDS TOO?!
GLOOP
...WELL, WELL.
TAK
YOU FIGHT WITH THE TWO-BLADE STYLE AS WELL?

MY BLADES MAY NOT COMPARE TO THE THRUSTING POWER OF A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD...
...BUT THEY'RE SHARPER THAN ANY-THING!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU CUT ME...
SLASH
YOU CAN'T DESTROY ME!

SIZZ
...!
BRIGHT!
SHNK
...ALL THIS DISTORTING OF MY VESSEL IS A PAIN.
GLOOP
...BUT...
GLOW
...DO I USE LUX? BUT THEY...
I'D AP-PRECIATE IF YOU PUT THAT AWAY.
...COULD KNOW WHERE GRIM'S HIDING...
CHAK
AW!

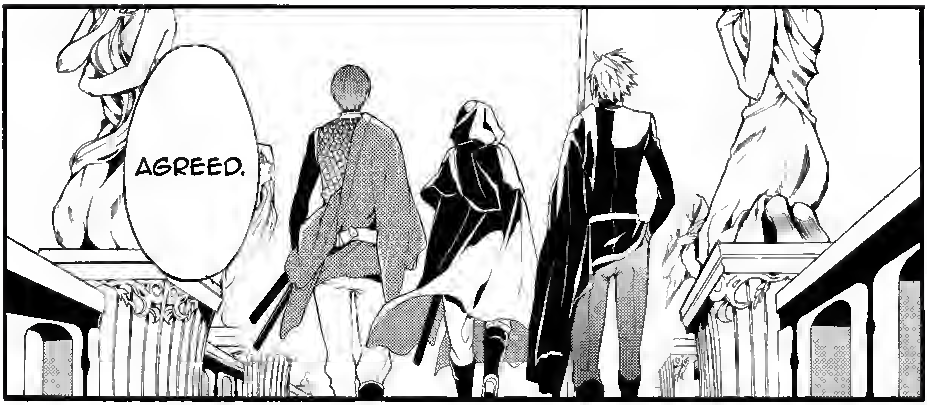
CHAK
ちゃき
REMOVE YOUR SWORD FROM JADE...
...OR I'LL CUT OFF YOUR ARM.
...THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US. LET'S WITH-DRAW.
WHAT?!
THEIR ARGENT BLADES CAN'T DESTROY OUR VES-SELS...
...BUT HIS MAGIC IS A DIFFER-ENT STORY...
HOW MANY SOULS DO YOU THINK IT TAKES TO CONJURE A NEW VESSEL?
DO YOU WANT TO INCONVE-NIENCE OUR MASTER, IRIS?
...HMPH.

FLASH
!
...SO YOU ARE HIM...
CYAN OF THE ARGENT CAVALIERS... I'M GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU.
?!
YOUR LIFE WILL MAKE A NICE ADDITION TO MY SOUL.
H-HELP!
DAMN IT
STOP !!

SLOOSH
HUFF
WHEEZE
SLUMP
I'M GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU.
HUFF HUFF
...WHAT DID THAT MEAN?
WHO WAS THAT MAN?!
WHY DOES HE HAVE AN ARGENT SWORD?!
SHWOO
WHAT WAS ALL THAT NOISE?
WE'LL TALK LATER! THE CAVALIERS ARE LOOKING FOR CYAN.
WE'RE LEAVING PRESE, PRONTO!

THE ARGENT CAVALIERS ARE LOOKING FOR HIM.
WHO'S THAT?
THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM.
HAS HE ALREADY LEFT, THEN?
CAPTAIN!
WHY DID YOU DISAPPEAR, CYAN?
SHOW YOURSELF! GIVE US AN EXPLANATION!

...THERE ARE MORE OF US.
HUH?
SWISH
THEY LIVE IN THE VALLEY OF THE OLD CAPITAL.
YOU COULD SAY IT'S OUR BASE...
WE'LL HEAD THERE NEXT. AGREED?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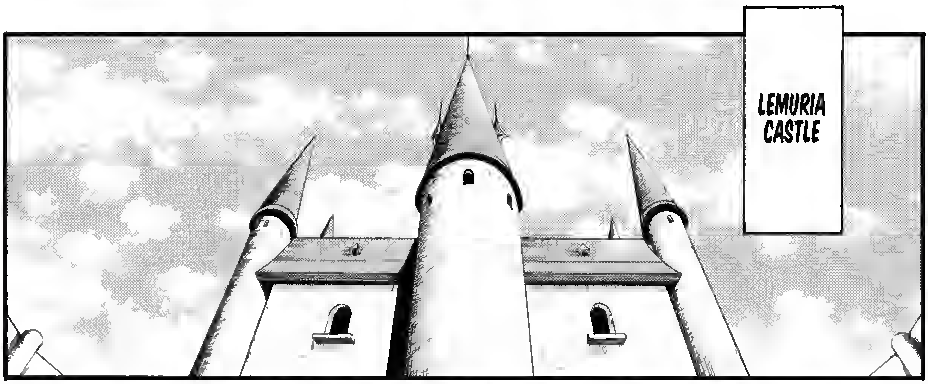
LEMURIA CASTLE

BECAUSE... YOU SAVED MY LIFE.
...EVERYONE IS SAYING THAT YOU'RE A TRAITOR... BUT I WON'T BELIEVE IT.

DIDN'T YOU, CYAN...?
LATEO... SERVANTS OF THE GRIM REAPER...

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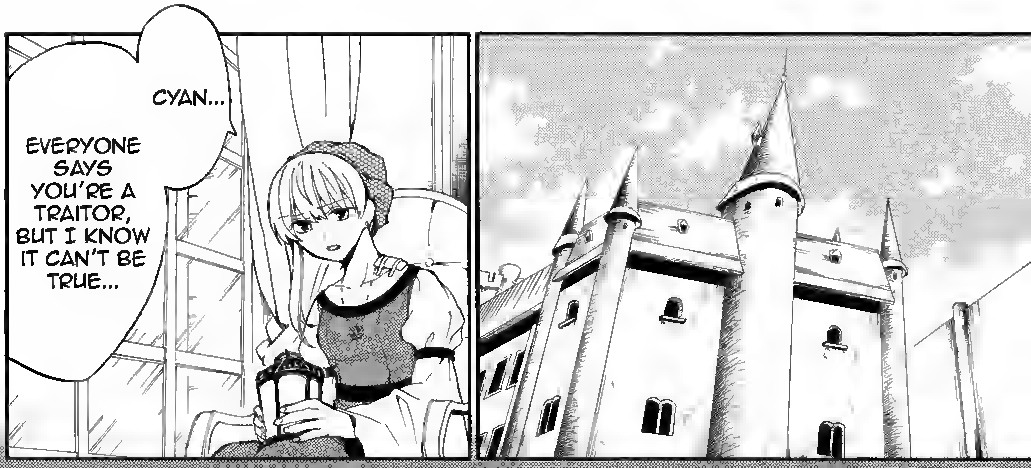

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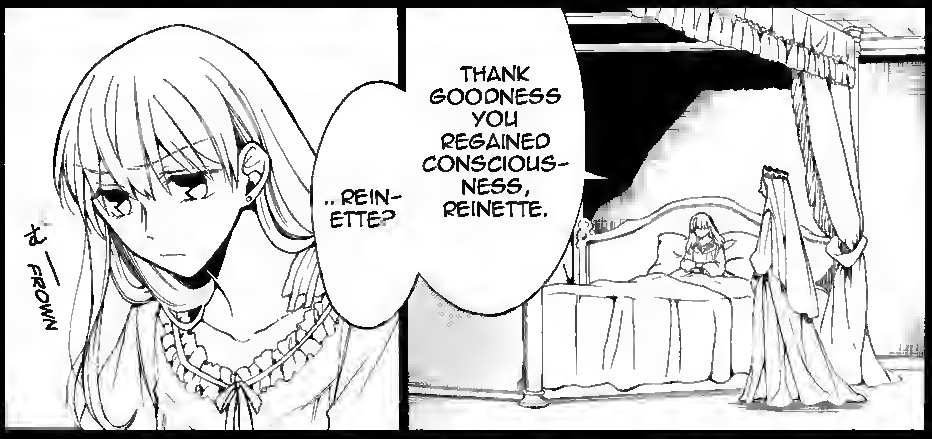


WHAT HAPPENED TO CYAN?!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
YOUR HOLINESS, IT IS TIME FOR THE MEETING CONCERNING CAVALIER CYAN.
CYAN IS SUSPECTED OF DEFECTING TO THE GRIM REAPER.
WE SHOULD FIND HIM AND GET THE GRIM REAPER'S LOCATION OUT OF HIM.
FIRST LIGHT LORD* OF THE ORDER OF LEMURIA
VERDE LEMURIA
THEN HE MUST BE PUNISHED FOR HIS CRIME.
MORE-OVER, HE DISAP-PEARED AFTER THE GRIM REAPER AND HIS LARVAE WITH-DREW...
HE COULD HAVE HELPED WITH THE GRIM REAPER'S INTRUSION AS WELL.
CYAN WAS THERE WHEN THE GRIM REAPER DESTROYED THE BARRIER.
*A TITLE IN THE HOUSE OF LEMURIA

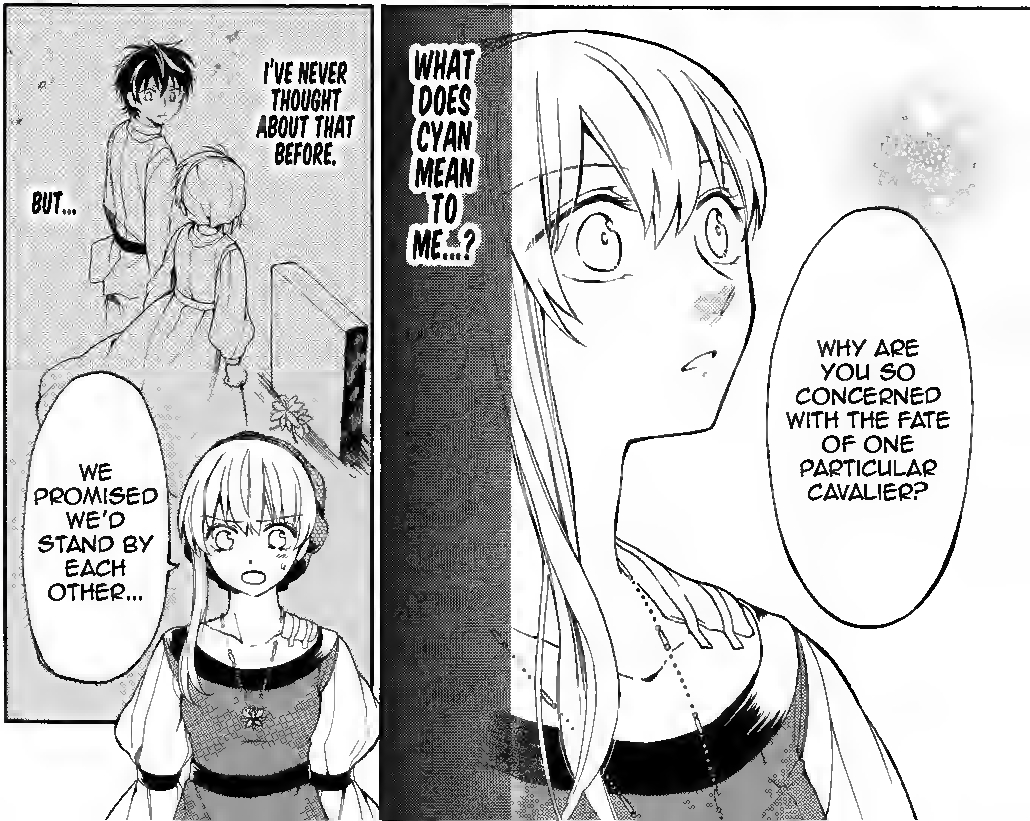
YOU'RE WRONG, BROTHER!
CYAN WOULD NEVER BETRAY US!
REINETTE!
I WAS THERE TOO, WHEN THE BARRIER WAS BROKEN.
AND BOTH OF CYAN'S PARENTS WERE KILLED BY LARVAE! HE WOULD NEVER HELP THE ENEMY!
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...
THE ONE WHO RETURNED MY SOUL TO ME...IT WAS CYAN!
...THE LANTERN CONTAINING YOUR SOUL WAS THE ONE I GAVE TO CYAN, YES.
STILL, THERE'S NO PROOF THAT IT WAS CYAN WHO RETURNED IT TO YOUR SIDE.
I HAVE PROOF!
—BUT...
MY CONSCIOUSNESS WAS HAZY.
WITHOUT MY SOUL, MY BODY WOULDN'T MOVE
...I AM YOUR SHIELD AND YOUR SWORD...

I HEARD A VOICE...
IT WAS CYAN, WITHOUT A DOUBT...!
FOREVER-MORE...
JERK
...I THINK.
THAT ISN'T PROOF AT ALL!
I was just so dazed...
IS IT WITHOUT A DOUBT OR NOT?!
HE WOULD NEVER PLAY PART IN A TRAGEDY THAT WOULD RESULT IN SO MANY DEATHS.
HE'S FELT THE SORROW OF LOSING YOUR FAMILY TO THE LARVAE.
CAPTAIN CLAY!
I, TOO, FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT CYAN WOULD BETRAY US.

...REGARDLESS OF WHETHER HE HAS JOINED THE GRIM REAPER...WE WILL DISTRIBUTE WANTED POSTERS FOR CYAN.
WE CAN DEAL WITH THE MATTER OF WHY HE DISAPPEARED WHEN WE FIND HIM.
UNDER-STOOD, REINETTE?
YES...
コツ CLOP
REIN-ETTE.
...
...DIDN'T YOU, CYAN?
YOU SAVED ME...
THERE IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO TELL YOU.

MY...
MY LIFESPAN... DROPPED?
WHEN THE LARVAE SUCK OUT A SOUL...
...WISPS OF ITS FLAME SPILL OUT.
I CAN'T SAY HOW MANY YEARS YOU LOST, BUT IT IS CERTAIN THAT YOUR LIFESPAN IS NOW SHORTER.
...I... SEE...
YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING... REST A WHILE LONGER.
...GRAND-MOTHER ...
CYAN... HE...HE COULD BE IN DANGER...

I WANT TO GO AND SEARCH FOR HIM!
What?!
YOU OBVIOUSLY CAN'T!
YOU STAY OUT OF THIS!
REINETTE...
WHAT DOES CYAN MEAN TO YOU?
HE IS A CAVALIER.
?
YES, HE IS ONLY ONE CAVALIER.

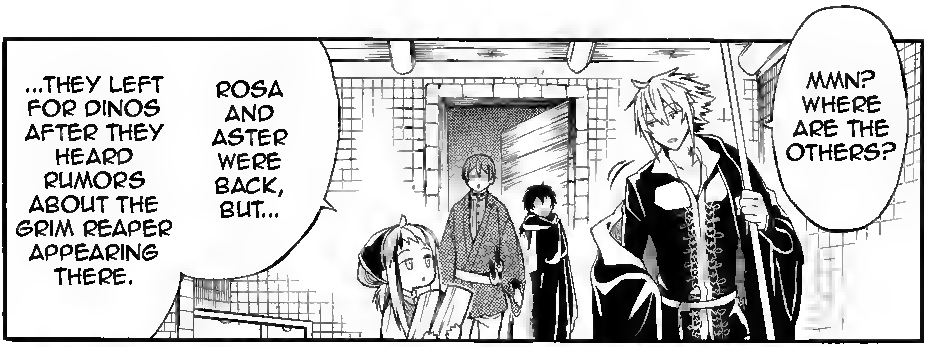

WHY ARE YOU SO CONCERNED WITH THE FATE OF ONE PARTICULAR CAVALIER?
WHAT DOES CYAN MEAN TO ME...?
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE.
BUT...
WE PROMISED WE'D STAND BY EACH OTHER...

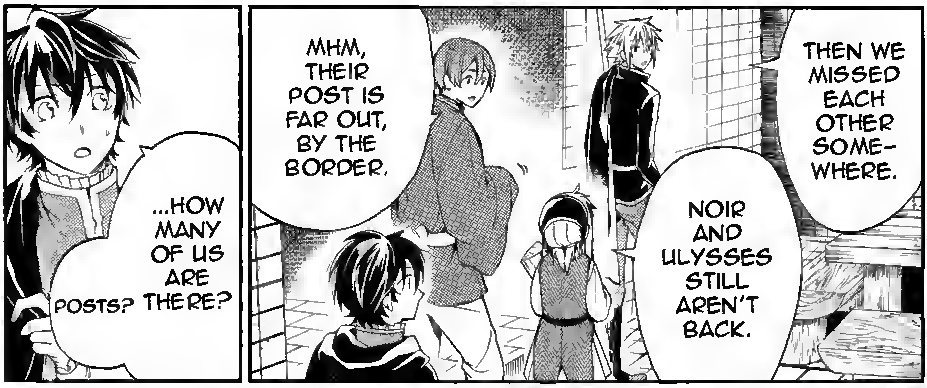
SNOW?
WELL, WE ARE IN THE NORTH!
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO SAVE CYAN...
...JUST AS HE SAVED ME!
—THIS IS IT.
ALBIO, THE OLD CAPITAL.
...DEEEEP IN THE MOUN-TAINS.
BUT OUR BASE OF OPERA-TIONS IS DEEP...
LOOKS LIKE THE WANTED POSTERS HAVEN'T MADE IT OUT HERE YET.
But just in case...

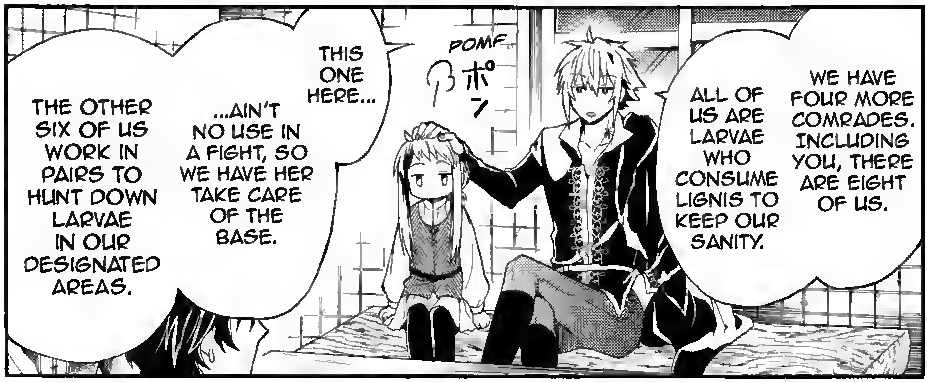
Snow, snow, everywhere...
SOME-ONE'S ENER-GETIC
FULL SPEED AHEAD!
...IS THIS IT?
THE REMAINS OF A VILLAGE? DID PEOPLE LIVE OUT HERE?
NOPE. IT'S STILL A LITTLE FURTHER.
THERE IT IS.

OUR CASTRA.
OH!
ELENA!

...WELCOME BACK... JADE... BRIGHT...
...AND ...?
STARE
...
SNIFF SNIFF
くん くん
...WHO?
THIS IS CYAN. HE'S NEW.
CYAN, THIS LITTLE ONE IS ELENA.
SHE'S ONE OF US. A LARVAE.
STARE
.. A NEW PERSON ...
SHE'S A LARVAE? BUT SHE'S STILL A CHILD!
STAAARE


MMN? WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
ROSA AND ASTER WERE BACK, BUT...
...THEY LEFT FOR DINOS AFTER THEY HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THE GRIM REAPER APPEARING THERE.


THEN WE MISSED EACH OTHER SOME-WHERE.
NOIR AND ULYSSES STILL AREN'T BACK.
MHM, THEIR POST IS FAR OUT, BY THE BORDER.
...HOW MANY OF US ARE THERE?
POSTS?


WE HAVE FOUR MORE COMRADES. INCLUDING YOU, THERE ARE EIGHT OF US.
ALL OF US ARE LARVAE WHO CONSUME LIGNIS TO KEEP OUR SANITY.
POMF
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THIS ONE HERE...
...AIN'T NO USE IN A FIGHT, SO WE HAVE HER TAKE CARE OF THE BASE.
THE OTHER SIX OF US WORK IN PAIRS TO HUNT DOWN LARVAE IN OUR DESIGNATED AREAS.

OH, THAT REMINDS ME.
WITH CYAN JOINING US, WE HAVE AN ODD NUMBER OF PEOPLE... WHAT WILL WE DO?

...IF YOU START TO LOSE YOURSELF...
...WHO'S GONNA STOP YOU?
IT'S NOT MY FIRST TIME FIGHTING LARVAE.
I'LL BE FINE WITHOUT A PARTNER...
NO CAN DO.
It's already getting late, anyway.
LATEO?
WE NEED TO FILL THE OTHERS IN ABOUT THE LATEO, AS WELL. WHY DON'T WE TALK IT OVER ONCE EVERYONE IS HERE?
...OKAY. THAT'S BEST.
ANYWAY, WE'LL GET INTO THE DETAILS WHEN EVERY-BODY'S HERE.
LOOKS LIKE WE WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE ELEZIONE GETTING TURNED INTO LARVAE...TURNS OUT THESE "LATEO" PEOPLE TRICK THEM IN GRIM'S PLACE.
THE GRIM REAPER'S HENCH-MEN.

WHOMP
HELLO, BED! IT'S BEEN TOO LONG!
TUG TUG
THERE ARE SO MANY ROOMS...
I CLEANED AN EMPTY ROOM.
YOU CAN USE IT.
AH!
ELENA ...?
YOU DID? SORRY, AND THANKS!
I could have done that...
Ah!
I FORGOT ABOUT BEDDING.
Ah.
IT'S OKAY, I CAN GET IT MY-SELF...!
Nnnf...
Heavy... and high...

YOU'RE A VERY ATTENTIVE GIRL, AREN'T YOU, ELENA?
SWIP
PAT PAT
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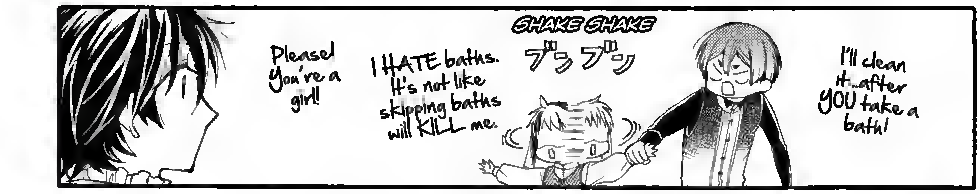
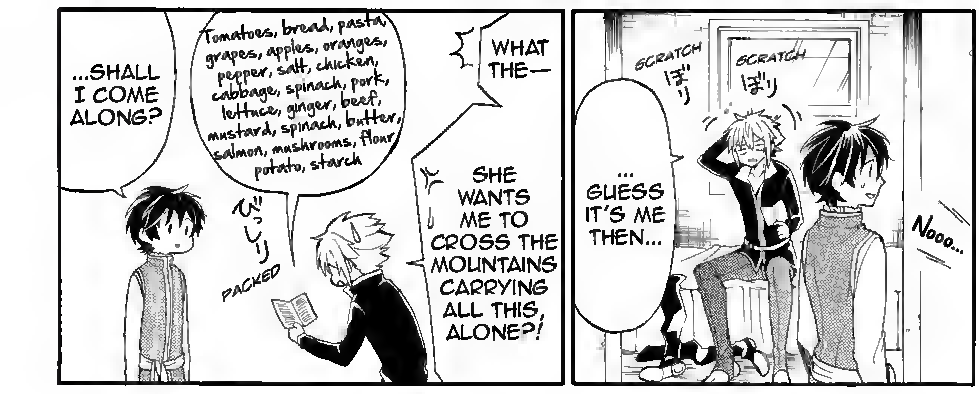
THANK YOU.
SQUEEZE
ぎゅ
...I THINK YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO HIM WHY WE REALLY DECIDED ON WORKING IN PAIRS, YOU KNOW.

AAARGH
WHAT A PAIN...GET BRIGHT TO DO IT...
WAKE UP.
SHOPPING.
List
SQUOOSH SQUOOSH SQUOOSH

JOLT
YOU'VE BEEN SKIPPING BATHS AGAIN, HAVEN'T YOU?!
When's the last time you bathed?!
Went to take a morning bath
ELENA! THE BATH IS COVERED IN DUST!


Please! You're a girl!
I HATE baths. It's not like skipping baths will KILL me.
SHAKE SHAKE
I'll clean it...after YOU take a bath!


...SHALL I COME ALONG?
Tomatoes, bread, pasta, grapes, apples, oranges, pepper, salt, chicken, cabbage, spinach, pork, lettuce, ginger, beef, mustard, spinach, butter, salmon, mashrooms, flour, potato, starch
PACKED
WHAT THE—
SHE WANTS ME TO CROSS THE MOUNTAINS CARRYING ALL THIS, ALONE?!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
... GUESS IT'S ME THEN...
Nooo...

THE SUN'S STARTING TO SINK...WE'LL NEED TO LEAVE TOWN SOON.
Bread, please.
ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE GOT YOUR HALF OF THE LIST.
WE'LL MEET UP BACK HERE.
CLATTER ガタ
NOW, WHERE WAS THAT CLOCK...?
ハッ...
SHUMBLE

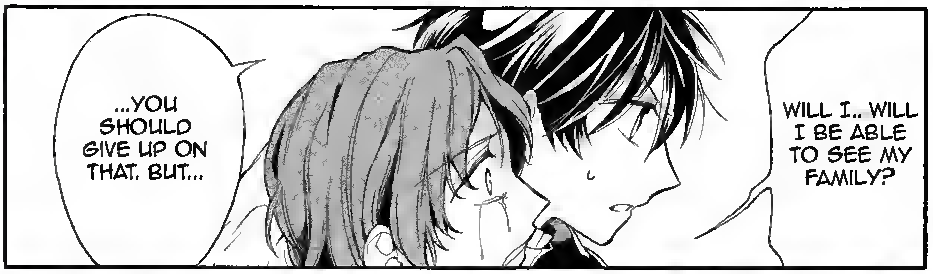
HSSS...
THAT SMOKE...
YOU THERE! STOP!
THAT SMOKE COMES FROM ANY WOUNDED LARVAE!
FLINCH
ST...
STAY AWAY!
IS IT ONLY TEMPO-RARY?
BEING IN THEIR HOMETOWNS OR ENCOUNTERING PEOPLE WITH WHOM THEY WERE CLOSE CAN MAKE THEIR MEMORIES RETURN FOR A TIME.
OR... WAIT...
HE'S STILL HIMSELF!
S-STAY BACK...
THUD

I DON'T WANT TO EAT ANY-ONE'S SOUL!
I DON'T WANT TO BE A MON-STER!
N-NO! NEVER!
I RAN... BUT MY BODY STARTED FEELING HEAVIER AND HEAVIER...
THEY DRAGGED ME HERE ALONG WITH OTHER LARVAE... SAID IT WAS OUR FIRST MEAL...
...HAVE YOU CONSUMED HUMAN SOULS?
...I...
ARE THERE OTHER LARVAE IN THIS TOWN?!
I THOUGHT THAT IF MY ARM WAS HEALED, I COULD FINALLY WORK TO FEED MY FAMILY...!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I DIDN'T KILL SIX PEOPLE TO BECOME A MONSTER...!

THAT SWORD... ARE YOU AN ARGENT CAVA-LIER?
BUT LIKE THIS...I CAN NEVER SEE MY FAMILY AGAIN!
UGH...
HNGH ...
I BEG YOU, KILL ME!
GIVE ME PEACE!

HE HASN'T AWAKENED YET.
THERE IS A WAY FOR US TO LIVE WITHOUT KILLING PEOPLE.
I...I, TOO, AM A LARVAE.

IF SOMEONE HAPPENS BY IN THE DARK, YOU'LL SEE THEIR SOUL AND BE TEMPTED.
YOU CAN'T STAY HERE.
I'LL TAKE HIM TO JADE!


...YOU SHOULD GIVE UP ON THAT. BUT...
WILL I.. WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE MY FAMILY?

GLU"
KACHAK
...AT LEAST YOU CAN KEEP LIVING AS A PERSON WITHOUT LOSING YOURSELF.

OH, NO!
BADUM
STOP!
JADE!
HE HASN'T AWOKEN!
WHOOSH

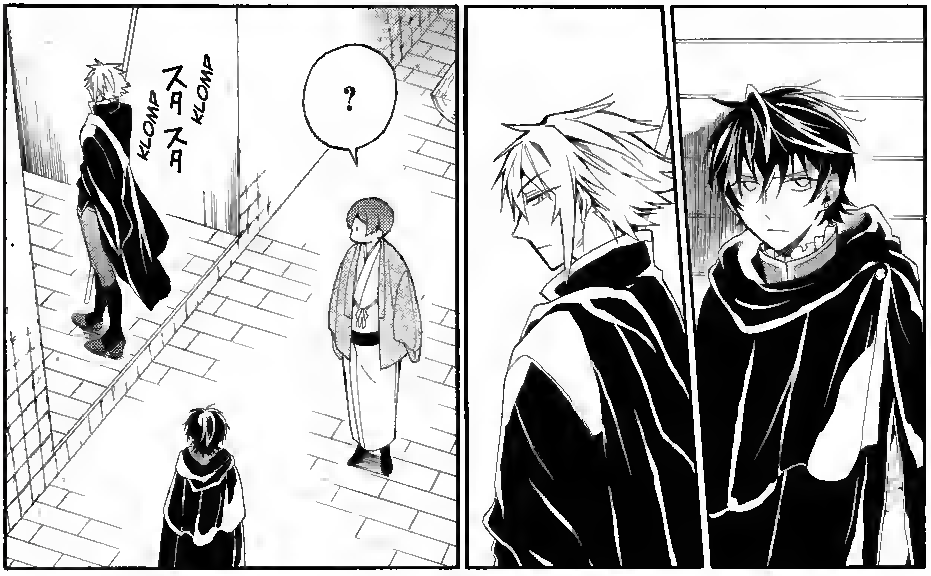
THNK
TAK

WHY...?
TAP
...YOU. WOMAN. RUN FOR THE STREET.
SWUSH
HE WAS STILL IN CON-TROL!
WE COULD HAVE SAVED HIM! WHY DID YOU DO IT?!

LARVAE !!
SHRIEK
あああ
ANSWER ME!
...KH!
DASH
SMACK
はし
...THAT'S OUR CUE.
AFTER WE WIPE OUT THE LARVAE, WE'LL LOOK FOR THE LATEO, TOO.

YOU RAN INTO LARVAE?

IT'S QUITE DIFFICULT WHEN THEY, TOO, LOOK NO DIFFERENT THAN HUMANS...
The shopping.
Thank you.
YEAH.
WE LOOKED FOR LATEO, TOO, BUT COULDN'T FIND ANY.


KLOMP
KLOMP
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WE COULD HAVE SAVED HIM...BUT JADE, HE...
...WE MET A LARVAE WHO HADN'T EATEN ANY SOULS YET.

WHY...?
HE COULD HAVE LIVED, WITHOUT LOSING THE PART OF HIM THAT MADE HIM HUMAN...!

...THERE USED TO BE MORE OF US.
JADE TRIED TO KILL YOU ON FIRST SIGHT, TOO, DIDN'T HE?
NOW, I HAVEN'T HEARD THE STORY OF HOW YOU AND JADE MET, BUT LET ME MAKE A GUESS...

KILL ME... PLEASE...
JADE ...
BRIGHT ...
MORE THAN A FEW OF OUR FRIENDS GAVE IN TO THAT IMPULSE AND DEVOURED SOULS.
BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO RESIST THE HUNGER FOR SOULS WHEN THERE'S ONE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

...BUT TO KILL THEM OUR-SELVES.
WE HAD NO CHOICE...
KILLING OUR FRIENDS WAS A PAINFUL THING.
IT WAS FOR JADE, TOO...EVEN IF HE WOULD NEVER VOICE IT ALOUD.

JADE DECIDED TO STOP ADDING TO OUR RANKS...AND TO KILL ANY OTHER LARVAE, EVEN IF THEY HADN'T TRULY AWAKENED YET.
...BUT...
THEN... WHY DIDN'T HE KILL ME?
JADE MUST HAVE BELIEVED...
...THAT YOU HAD THE STRENGTH TO RESIST IT.
CREAK

JADE.
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU...

...FOR TRUSTING IN ME...
...AND SPARING MY LIFE.
BRIGHT?
TCH.
...DON'T MAKE ME REGRET IT.
I WON'T.
Jade... Mr. Socially Awkward.
I knoooow!

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Chapter 4

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CHAPTER 5

Mmmph
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY!
Z
SCHACK スチャッ
SUNNY DAYS MEAN CLEANING AND LAUNDRY.
I'LL HELP.
I'LL CHOP FIREWOOD AND SUCH, THEN.
コクン NOD
WHAT SHALL WE DO FIRST?
WASHING THE BED SHEETS.
YOU SHOULD HELP TOO, JADE!
YEAH, YEAH...IF I FEEL LIKE IT.
LORD JADE IS TOO PAMPERED TO KNOW HOW TO CLEAN~!
むくTUKN
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, LITTLE BRIGHT?
I know how to clean!
OHHH, NOTHING!

Wow...It's frozen.
We'll use this one.
LOUNGE
ゴロ
WHAT'S TAKING 'EM SO LONG...
BUT HE'S STILL NOT GOING TO HELP?
...THERE'S SO MUCH SNOW IN THESE MOUNTAINS...
...BUT WE DON'T FEEL THE COLD, DO WE...
SCRUB
ゴシ
SPLASH
SCRUB
ゴシ
...NOT EVEN IF YOU SLEEP NAKED ON THE SNOW.
It feels nice and cool.
DID YOU TEST THAT OUT?
Uh...
AS LARVAE, OUR HUMAN SENSES ARE DULLED, HUH...
NEXT, DISHES.

CLINK CLINK
OW!
AH...IT'S CHIPPED.
UH-OH.
DRIP
SNORK
I SLICED OPEN MY...
SIZZ
...I THOUGHT I'D COME TO GRIPS WITH IT, BUT IT'S HARD TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THIS.
...WHEN IT'S NOT MADE BY AN ARGENT SWORD...
OH...RIGHT. FOR LARVAE, SUCH A SMALL WOUND HEALS BEFORE YOU KNOW IT...

...YOU'LL GET USED TO IT...
TO BEING A MONSTER...
...ELENA... HOW DID YOU BECOME A LARVAE?
SHE AIN'T GONNA TELL YOU.
FLINCH
Wah!
YOU WERE AWAKE?!
S-SORRY! THAT WAS AN INSENSITIVE THING TO ASK!
IT'S JUST THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN A LARVAE AS SMALL AS YOU...
ACK
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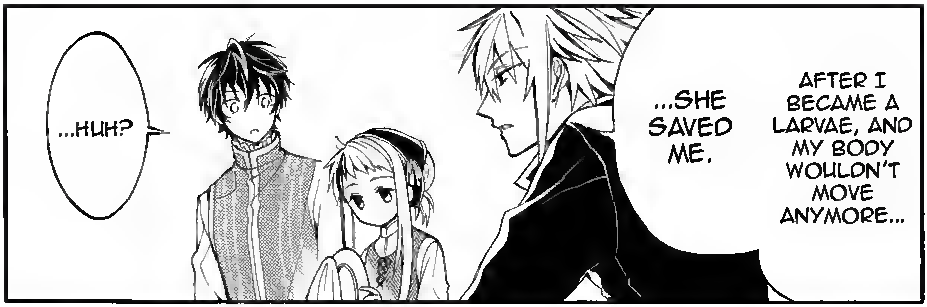
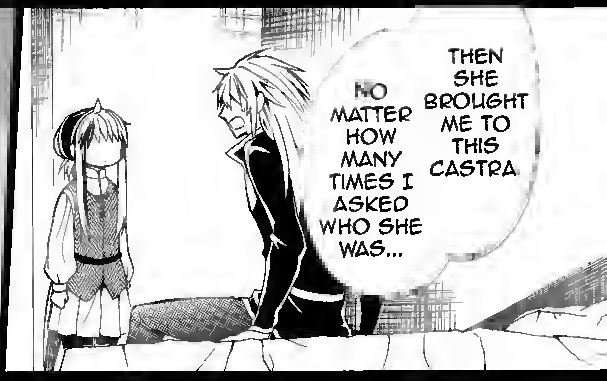
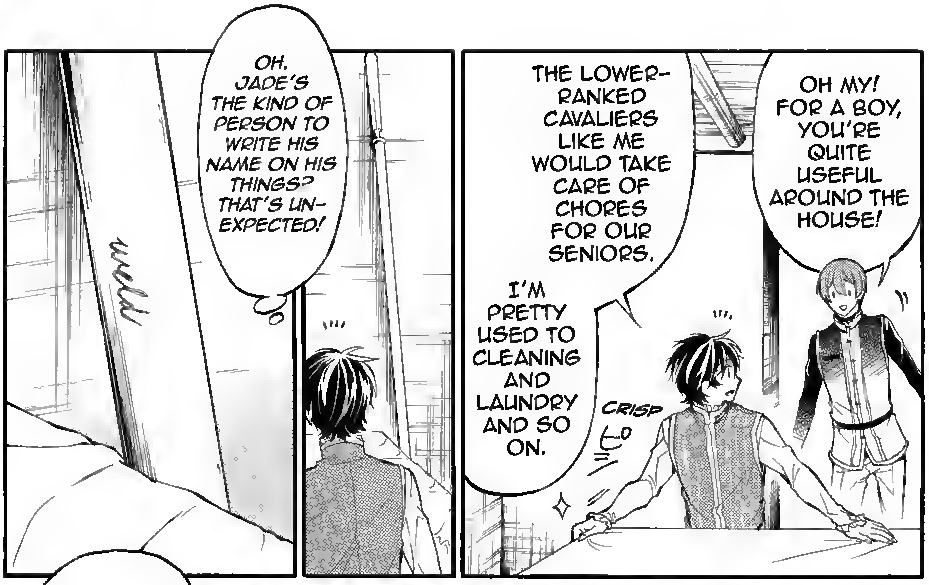

...HUH?
...SHE SAVED ME.
AFTER I BECAME A LARVAE, AND MY BODY WOULDN'T MOVE ANYMORE...

ARE YOU THE SAME AS ELENA...?
IT WAS HER WHO TAUGHT ME THAT THE LIGNIS FLOWERS CAN SUSTAIN US IN PLACE OF HUMAN SOULS

...SHE WOULDN'T SAY A WORD.


NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I ASKED WHO SHE WAS...
THEN SHE BROUGHT ME TO THIS CASTRA

IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. SORRY, ELENA.
I...
.....
.....
NOT TO MENTION...
...
STARE
EH, I DOUBT SHE'S ANY KIND OF ENEMY IF SHE HID ME HERE...
WHAP
It's all dry
WHAT?!
CYAN... THAT OLD MAN WON'T STOP STARING AT ME WITH A DIRTY LOOK...
CLING
THAT'S NOT...!


OH, JADE'S THE KIND OF PERSON TO WRITE HIS NAME ON HIS THINGS? THAT'S UN-EXPECTED!
weld
THE LOWER-RANKED CAVALIERS LIKE ME WOULD TAKE CARE OF CHORES FOR OUR SENIORS.
I'M PRETTY USED TO CLEANING AND LAUNDRY AND SO ON.
CRISP
OH MY! FOR A BOY, YOU'RE QUITE USEFUL AROUND THE HOUSE!

..."WELD"?

...HIS BROTHER...
IT'S THE NAME OF JADE'S TWIN BROTHER.
WELD... I WONDER WHOSE NAME THAT COULD BE?

PBBF?!
AH, WHEN YOU JOIN THE ARGENT CAVALIERS, YOU LEARN ALL ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER OF LEMURIA...
JADE WAS ONCE CALLED "THE SECOND COMING OF LEMURIA"...
...BUT HIS BROTHER, LORD WELD, WAS QUITE THE OPPOSITE. THEY SAY HE COULDN'T USE MAGIC AT ALL.
ACCORDING TO THE STORY, JADE'S MAGIC WAS ON PAR WITH THAT OF ST. LEMURIA HERSELF...
...BECAUSE WHEN THEY WERE IN THEIR MOTHER'S WOMB, ALL THE MAGIC WENT TO JADE...
THEY SAY THAT...
...'COS I'M THE ONE WHO SAID IT FIRST.

Ohhh...
THERE'S NO MISTAKE.
IT'S THE VERY SAME SYMBOL AS ST. LEMURIA'S.
FLASH
GLOW
LORD WELD! AS WE HAVE TOLD YOU COUNTLESS TIMES...
...YOU MUST VISUALIZE THE ANCIENT WORDS IN YOUR MIND AND CONCENTRATE.
I...
I'M DOING IT...
I AM...!
SIGH

CAN TWINS REALLY BE SO DIFFERENT?
EVEN IF THERE IS A SMALL DIFFERENCE IN POWER...
...HAVING NONE AT ALL IS UNHEARD OF
J-JADE ...?!
WILL YOU QUIT NAGGING?!
!!
WHACK
IT AIN'T HIS FAULT THAT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC.
JADE...
IT'S MY FAULT!
WHAT ...?

I STOLE WELD'S MAGIC BEFORE WE WERE BORN!
I'M THE BAD ONE!
SO I WON'T LET ANYONE INSULT HIM...!
...JADE...!
I'LL REMEMBER THIS! WHEN I'M HIERARCH YOU'RE ALL FIRED!
THAT'S ABUSE OF AUTHORITY JADE!
You miss me off!
Waaah!
Someone stop him!
Gyaugh!
...JADE...

ARE YOU OKAY? DOES IT HURT?
HMPH. IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
THROB
THROB
What do you think you're doing, you little fool?!
WONK
Tch. Father totally clobbered me...
...THANKS FOR PROTECTING ME.
HEY, YOU DON'T GOTTA THANK ME
I'LL PROTECT YOU AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES.
BOTH FROM THOSE LOUD-MOUTHED RETAINERS...
...AND FROM THE GRIM REAPER.
...FROM THE GRIM REAPER?
DAD SAID...
...THAT ONE DAY THE GRIM REAPER'S GONNA COME TO CRUSH US 'COS WE'RE IN HIS WAY.
TAP
SHIVER SHIVER
PAT
BUT IT'LL ALL BE OKAY.

Now, I'm starving...
I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE.
RUFFLE わし
RUFFLE わし
THAT'S AN OLDER BROTHER'S JOB!
SQUEEZE
...I WANT...
...TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU, TOO...ONE DAY...
JADE.
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THE SPEAR?
WELCOME HOME. ANOTHER LONG DAY OF LARVAE-HUNTING?

I WANT TO FIGHT THE LARVAE TOO.
WHAT...?! BUT YOU...
I CAN'T CAST LUX...
...BUT I CAN FIGHT WITH A BLADE LIKE THE CAVALIERS DO.
I WANT YOU TO IMBUE THIS SPEAR WITH YOUR MAGIC.
I WANT TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU.
PLEASE... BROTHER.

SO YOUR SPEAR IS A MEMENTO OF YOUR BROTHER...
A MEMEN-TO...?
WELD!
I THOUGHT I COULD KEEP HIM SAFE...BUT NOT ONLY DID I FAIL AT THAT...
IT'S MORE LIKE...
...A PUNISH-MENT.
...I SUR-VIVED— AS A LARVAE.
I KEEP IT TO PUNISH MYSELF.

YOU BLAME YOURSELF FOR SURVIVING?
IF YOU HADN'T SUR-VIVED...
...WE WOULDN'T BE HERE.
BECAUSE YOU SURVIVED, WE CAN HUNT THE GRIM REAPER WITH YOU.
IF WE DEFEAT THE GRIM REAPER...
...LADY REINETTE CAN BE FREED FROM THE DANGERS OF USING MAGIC... FROM THE DANGER OF HAVING HER LIFESPAN SHORTENED!
BESIDES, WITHOUT YOU, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE GRIM REAPER!

SO DON'T YOU DARE SAY YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED!
WELL...I'M GRATEFUL TO JADE FOR SAVING ME, TOO.
?!
I WAS ONLY STATING MY OPINION...
YOU'RE A GOOD BOY, AREN'T YOU, CYAN?
FWIP
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...WHATEVER YOU SAY.
STARE
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GOOD-NESS, YOU'RE SO COLD!
But that's what I love about you!
GET OFF OF ME!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A TWIN!
W-WAS IT SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW?!
PUSH
PUSH
EVERYONE HAS THINGS THEY DON'T WANT TO TELL ANYONE...
LIKE ELENA...?
DON'T CARE. I JUST NEVER MENTIONED IT 'COS NOBODY ASKED.
I DON'T HAVE ANY SECRETS EITHERRR!
KICK
OH!
IN FACT, I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOME-THING...
...SO I SUPPOSE NOW'S A GOOD TIME TO SHARE.

I ALSO...
...DIED TRYING TO SAVE THE ONE I LOVED.
...SHE WAS A KIND GIRL.
BUT RUMORS OF AN ELEZIONE APPEARING IN OUR TOWN SPREAD, AND SHE STARTED GOING OUT AT NIGHT AS WELL...
...AND WHEN I FOL-LOWED HER...
HMMM? WHY ARE YOU REACTING LIKE THAAAT?
...A WOMAN?
I THOUGHT...
Jade!
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, THIS GUY'LL GO AFTER MEN AND WOMEN 'COS HE'S GOT NO STANDARDS
I do too have stan-dards!
PLEASE, CALL ME AN EQUAL OPPOR-TUNITY LOVER!

...SHE WAS STANDING NEXT TO A CORPSE...
...AND THEN SHE DISAP-PEARED IN A MAGIC CIRCLE.
SHE WAS AN ELEZI-ONE?
REMEMBER HOW I SAID I KNEW SOMEBODY WHO'D SEEN ONE OF THEM DIS-APPEAR? THAT WAS BRIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT PART OF HER BODY SHE WANTED THE GRIM REAPER TO FIX.
...I HADN'T REALIZED ANYTHING WAS WRONG.
THE OTHER ELEZIONE...OR RATHER, THE LATEO...AS THEY FLED, I JUMPED INTO THEIR MAGIC CIRCLE AS WELL, TRYING TO CATCH THEM ..AND THEY STABBED ME THROUGH THE HEART.
I THINK I MADE IT TO THE GRIM REAPER'S HIDING PLACE... BUT I WAS DEAD.
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, ST. LEMURIA STOOD BEFORE ME...
...AND I MADE A CONTRACT WITH "HER."

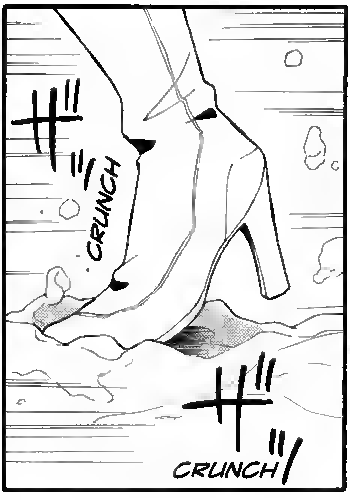
...I SEE.
...NO. I HAVEN'T.
SO, CYAN, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A LARVAE WHO LOOKED LIKE THIS WOMAN?
THE ELEZIONE ARE TURNED INTO LARVAE...
IF SHE'S STILL WANDERING THE WORLD SOMEWHERE AS A MONSTER, I WANT TO PUT HER TO REST...
...WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS.
...NO. I'M GLAD YOU CONFIDED IN ME.
Ah.
SORRY FOR ALL THE HEAVY TALK.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ME, FEEL FREE TO ASK.
NOT THAT I HAD A VERY INTER-ESTING LIFE...
PERK
THEN I WANT TO HEAR AAALL THE DETAILS ABOUT YOUR ROMANCE WITH LADY REINETTE!
RO... MANCE?
JADE TOLD MEEE.
I love you.
And I you, Cyan.
Bright's Fantasy
YOU BECAME A LARVAE ALL TO PROTECT YOUR BELOVED LADY REINETTE, DIDN'T YOUUU?
FORBIDDEN LOVE, ISN'T IT? OOF, HOW PASSIONATE!
POKE POKE
L-LADY REINETTE AND I ARE IN NO SUCH ILLICIT RELATION-SHIP!
"ILLICIT"... HAHA!
...WHAT DO YOU THREE WANT FOR DINNER?
I should start it.
SMACK
BEEF.
CHICKEN!
OH, I'LL PUT THESE AWAY. WHERE'S THE STORAGE CLOSET?
Thank you.
DOWN THE HALL.
CRACKLE CRACKLE

CREAK
ギ…
THAT MUST BE IT.
STRANGE IS THAT WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN TONGUE?
TAP
コツ…
...THAT ONE'S THE CLOSET.
CYAN?

CREAK
MY MISTAKE. THANKS!
NO
SHUT

SQUABBLE
CALM DOWN.
WILL YOU HURRY IT UP?!
CRUNCH
SQUABBLE
CRUNCH
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE CALM!


CRUNCH
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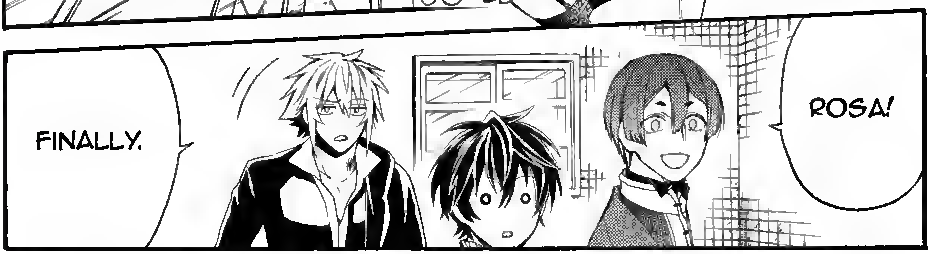
Junior knights were tasked with the cooking, too.
You're so quick at peeling potatoes.
Wow...

BAM
IT'S ULTRA-CRAZY!

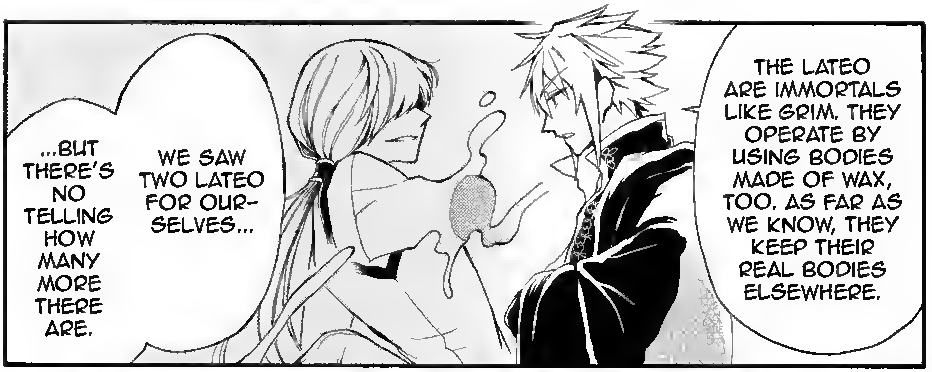

ROSA!
FINALLY.

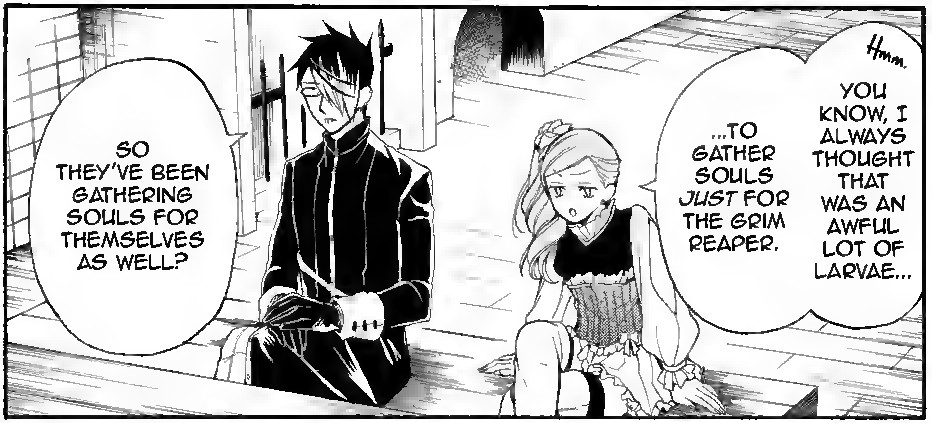
I'M HOME, ELENA!
WHOOSH
THIS IS CRAZY! REALLY CRAZY! JADE! BRIGHT!
WHOOSH
WHAT?
I SAID IT'S ULTRA-CRAZY!
GLOWER
GASP
SHE KEEPS SAYING THAT, BUT WHAT'S CRAZY...?

Hmm?!
ISN'T THIS THE GUY FROM THE WANTED POSTERS?! THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE!
RIGHT... HE'S A NEW—
CLONK
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?!
LISTEN TO ME
ASTER! WELCOME BACK TO YOU TOO~.
CALM DOWN. OR ARE YOU INCAPABLE OF LOWERING YOUR VOICE?
UH, THAT REALLY HURT!
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE. I'M CYAN.
—AND THAT'S HOW I RECRUITED HIM.
YOU WERE AN ARGENT CAVALIER?! THAT'S CRAZY!
?!

I WAS A CAVALIER TOO!
That makes you my junior?
REALLY?
I SHUDDER TO THINK OF THE STATE THE WORLD USED TO BE IN IF THEY LET YOU INTO THE CAVALIERS.
Ex-CUSE me?
ANYWAY, WHAT'S SO CRAZY?
Ack!
OH YEAH!
IT'S SUPER CRA—
SWIP
I'LL EXPLAIN TO SPARE US SOME OF YOUR SHRIEKING.
IT SEEMS THERE IS A STRING OF MURDERS BEING CARRIED OUT BY MULTIPLE ELEZIONE IN TOREADOR, A TOWN NORTHWEST OF DINOS.
MULTIPLE ELEZIONE?
COR-RECT.
WE CONSIDERED VISITING TOREADOR OURSELVES, BUT DECIDED AGAINST IT...

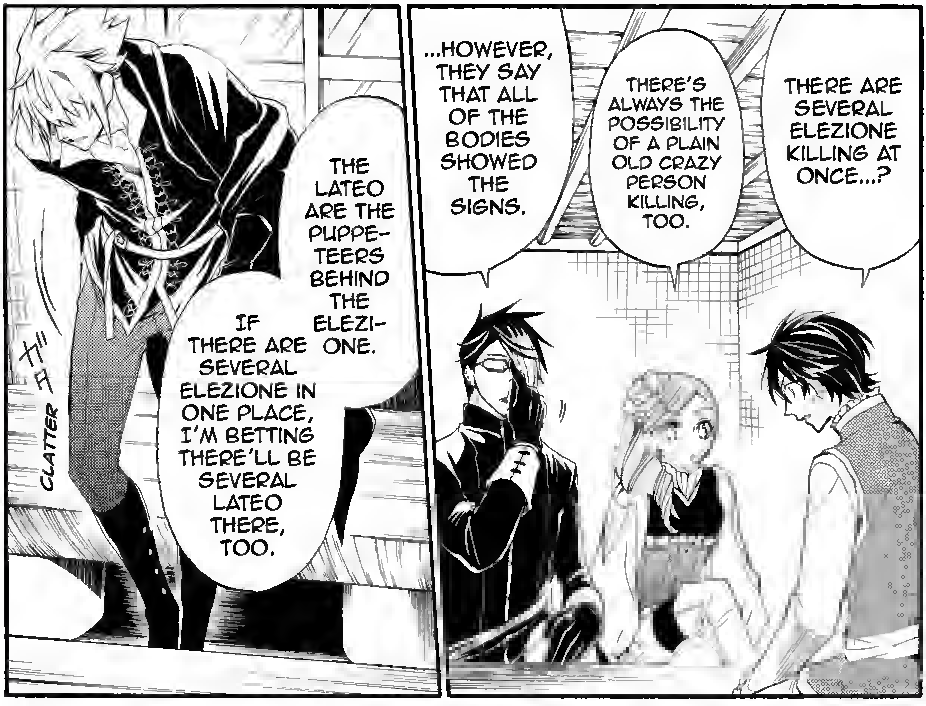
YOU MADE THE RIGHT CALL.
WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELEZIONE.
...
"LATEO"?
THEY'RE HIS HENCHMEN, BASICALLY.
THEY MOVE IN THE GRIM REAPER'S STEAD.
OUR GUESS WAS RIGHT.
THE ELEZIONE ARE TURNED INTO LARVAE.
THEY DECEIVE PEOPLE WHO'VE LOST THE USE OF PART OF THEIR BODY, AND AFTER THEY HAVE THEM COLLECT THE NUMBER OF SOULS NECESSARY FOR REMAKING A HUMAN INTO A LARVAE...
...THEY SEND THE ELEZIONE TO GRIM.
AND THEY DO MORE THAN THAT...IT'S THE LATEO WHO RELEASE THE LARVAE INTO TOWNS TO GATHER SOULS.


THE LATEO ARE IMMORTALS LIKE GRIM. THEY OPERATE BY USING BODIES MADE OF WAX, TOO. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THEY KEEP THEIR REAL BODIES ELSEWHERE.
WE SAW TWO LATEO FOR OURSELVES...
...BUT THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY MORE THERE ARE.


Hmm.
YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS AN AWFUL LOT OF LARVAE...
...TO GATHER SOULS *JUST* FOR THE GRIM REAPER.
SO THEY'VE BEEN GATHERING SOULS FOR THEMSELVES AS WELL?

...IN SUMMARY...
...OUR PLAN OF ACTION HAS BEEN TO FOLLOW THE LARVAE IN AN ATTEMPT TO PINPOINT THE GRIM REAPER'S LOCATION...
...BUT FROM NOW ON, WE SHOULD INSTEAD FOCUS ON FINDING THESE "LATEO," WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARVAE AND ELEZIONE... CORRECT?
THAT'S THE PLAN.

...BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN TWENTY MURDERS NOW.
WHAT'S YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS STRING OF MURDERS?
...WE KNOW THAT THE PRICE ELEZIONE MUST PAY TO THE GRIM REAPER IS SIX HUMAN SACRIFICES ...


THERE ARE SEVERAL ELEZIONE KILLING AT ONCE...?
THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF A PLAIN OLD CRAZY PERSON KILLING, TOO.
...HOWEVER, THEY SAY THAT ALL OF THE BODIES SHOWED THE SIGNS.
THE LATEO ARE THE PUPPE-TEERS BEHIND THE ELEZI-ONE.
IF THERE ARE SEVERAL ELEZIONE IN ONE PLACE, I'M BETTING THERE'LL BE SEVERAL LATEO THERE, TOO.
CLATTER

OUR ARGENT WEAPONS AREN'T ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN THE LATEO.
THE MORE OF US, THE BETTER.
THE FIVE OF US WILL ALL GO TO TOREADOR.
WE CAN'T LET THEM KEEP TURNING PEOPLE INTO LARVAE.
ENOUGH'S ENOUGH.

WE'LL FIND THE ELEZIONE AND THE LATEO...
...AND STOP THEM...!

THE GRIM REAPER'S SERVANTS ARE GATHERED SO CLOSE TO LEMURIA CASTLE...?
Toreador
TOREADOR... IT'S ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS FROM DINOS.
Dinos
...THEY'RE PREPARING FOR ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE ORDER'S STRONGHOLD...?
DON'T TELL ME...
SHE'LL BE IN DANGER AGAIN...
...THEN LADY REINETTE WILL HAVE TO FIGHT, TOO...
IF AN ARMY OF LARVAE ATTACKS...
—NO...

I'LL NEVER ALLOW IT!

THIS... MAKES THREE...

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TOREADOR
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TAP
ALBIO
IF WE PROCEED DIRECTLY THERE WITH NO REST, WE SHOULD ARRIVE IN TWO DAYS' TIME.
WE SHOULD CUT THROUGH THIS MOUNTAIN FOREST.
CRINKLE
OUR ROUTE TO TOREADOR WILL BE RATHER ROUND-ABOUT.
THE GRIM REAPER'S SERVANTS ARE GATHERED IN A TOWN CLOSE TO DINOS.
THEY MIGHT BE PLANNING ON ATTACKING LEMURIA CASTLE AGAIN! WE HAVE TO HURRY!

CHAPTER 6

GLANCE
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...OH REALLY...
OOH, YOU SEE, HE CARES FOR A CERTAIN SOMEONE NAMED LADY REINETTE, AND...
WHISPER WHISPER
WHAT'S HE IN SUCH A RUSH FOR?
...SO HE'S THE SAME AS ME.
IF YOU LACK A COOL HEAD, THE RUG'S GONNA GET PULLED OUT FROM UNDER YOU.
AH...
... SORRY.
AFTER THE FIRST TIME I HIT THE GRIM REAPER WITH LUX, HE DIDN'T SHOW UP FOR SIXTY YEARS.
CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, BUT I'M BETTING IT'LL BE SIMILAR THIS TIME. HE WON'T ATTACK THE CASTLE RIGHT AWAY AGAIN.
HOW CAN I BE CALM AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
CYAN. CALM DOWN.
WONK
OW!

A SCREAM?!
UWAAA
うわあ
... NGH ...
!!! CRACK
LUNGE
YIPE
THRUNK
WHUMP

ARE YOU OKAY, LITTLE BOY? HANG IN THERE!
NGH...
LOOKS LIKE HE PASSED OUT.

THIS FOREST IS FILLED WITH CARNI-VOROUS BEASTS. WOLVES, BEARS, WHAT HAVE YOU.
WHAT IS A CHILD DOING IN SUCH A DANGEROUS PLACE? NOT EVEN ADULTS COME HERE...
LET'S SEE...

THIS BOY IS FROM TORE-ADOR?
THIS IS A PORCELAIN TILE FROM TOREADOR.
...LET'S GET A MOVE ON. WE'LL TAKE THE KID WITH US.
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S ABOUT TO DIE OF STARVATION.
SHFF~
...GOT IT!

TOREADOR
THAT'S NICOL, THE NEWS-PAPER BOY.
MURMUR MURMUR
THEY'RE SAYING THERE'S A KNIFE MISSING FROM HIS HOUSE...
MURMUR MURMUR
LOOK...
IT'S ANOTHER BODY...
WAS HE KILLED WITH THAT SAME KNIFE?
DOZO...
...THE ELEZIONE SOMETIMES STAB OR CUT THEIR SACRIFICES WHILE THREATENING THEM...
...BUT THIS BODY WAS STABBED REPEAT-EDLY.
LOOKS TO ME LIKE THERE'S A BLOOD-THIRSTY KILLER...
...USING THE COMMOTION CAUSED BY THE ELEZIONE AS A COVER.

FREEZE
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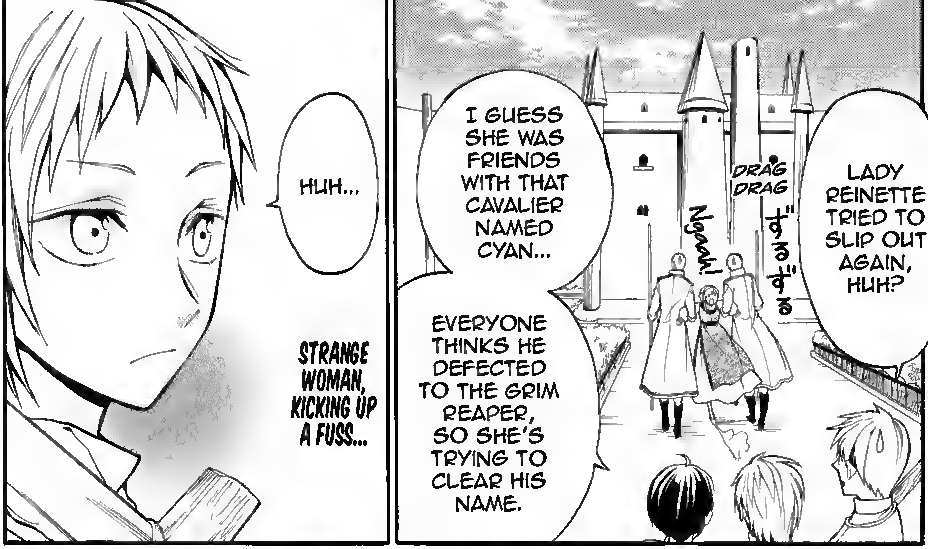
BUT YOU KNOW...
LUCIE WAS ONE OF US UNTIL JUST RECENTLY!
HOW CAN EVEN YOU THINK THAT LUCIE IS AN ELEZIONE?!
ANYWAY, WE'LL START BY LOOKING AT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING ELEZIONE. AS FOR THE KID—
YOU GUYS KNOW ONE OF THE SUSPECTS?
THIS IS JILL. HE RUNS ERRANDS FOR US.
I'M THIS BALLET COMPANY'S PRINCIPAL.
THERE WAS A FEMALE PRINCIPAL WHOSE LEG HAD TO BE AMPUTATED AFTER A RECENT ACCIDENT.
THESE ELEZIONE PEOPLE THINK THAT THE GRIM REAPER WILL FIX PART OF THEIR BODIES, RIGHT?
CAN'T BLAME ME FOR BEING SUSPICIOUS.

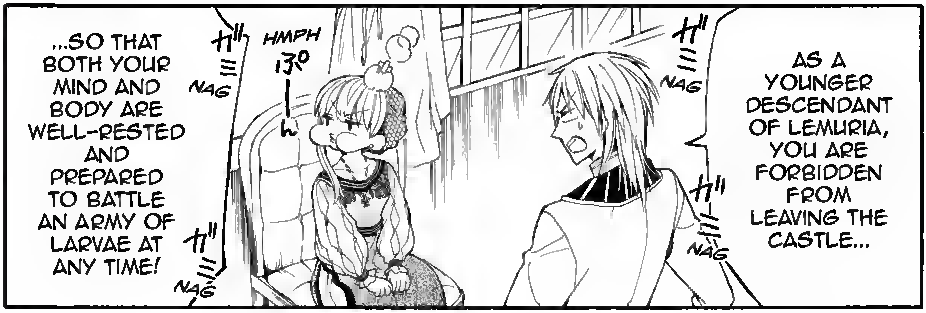
I THOUGHT YOU WERE BETTER THAN THIS, NATALIO!
Ah ha ha!
IF ANYONE BELIEVES IN LUCIE, IT SHOULD BE YOU, HER LOVER!
OUR "RELATIONSHIP" WAS JUST A WAY TO GET PEOPLE TALKING!
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO KEEP PLAYING LOVERS WITH A WOMAN WHO CAN'T DANCE ANYMORE, CAN YOU?
BUT THAT'S...
THERE WERE FIVE, INCLUDING LUCIE. BUT APPARENTLY THREE OF THEM HAVE ALREADY DISAPPEARED.
THAT MANY?!
UMM, I BELIEVE THE OTHER REMAINING SUSPECT WAS...
WOULD YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE?
...AHEM... WE HEARD THAT THERE ARE MULTIPLE ELEZIONE HERE, ACTUALLY.

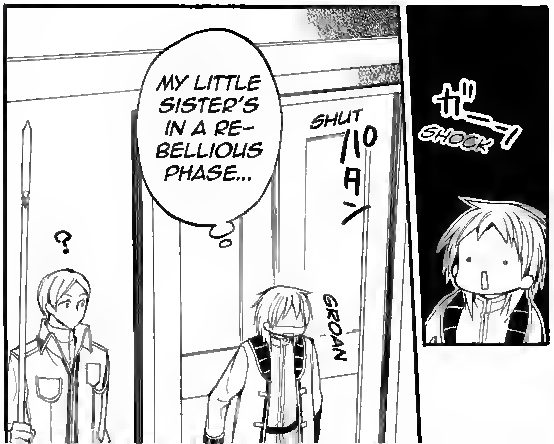
AH!!
THAT BOY...!
JOLT
IT'S HIS FATHER!
HE'S IN THE TILE TRADE.
I HEARD HE SUFFERED TERRIBLE BURNS TO BOTH HIS HANDS IN A FIRE AT THE TILE WORK-SHOP...
CHUCKLE
LUCIE AND THAT OLD MAN SURE HAD BAD LUCK.
SNAP
Now, now...
THANKS FOR THE INFORMA-TION.
...ROSA AND I WILL GO TO THE BOY'S HOME.
THEN US THREE WILL PAY A VISIT TO THIS LUCIE WOMAN.

LEMURIA CASTLE
TIPTOE TIPTOE
TIPTOE TIPTOE
TAP TAP
LADY REINETTE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP AND ABOUT?
SMILE
DASH
HEY!
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO TRY THAT?
SHUT UP! LET GO OF ME!
We can't
LET ME GO LOOK FOR CYAN!
...HUH?


HUH...
STRANGE WOMAN, KICKING UP A FUSS...
I GUESS SHE WAS FRIENDS WITH THAT CAVALIER NAMED CYAN...
EVERYONE THINKS HE DEFECTED TO THE GRIM REAPER, SO SHE'S TRYING TO CLEAR HIS NAME.
DRAG DRAG
Ngaah!
LADY REINETTE TRIED TO SLIP OUT AGAIN, HUH?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU BEFORE IT GETS THROUGH YOUR THICK SKULL?


...SO THAT BOTH YOUR MIND AND BODY ARE WELL-RESTED AND PREPARED TO BATTLE AN ARMY OF LARVAE AT ANY TIME!
HMPH
NAG
AS A YOUNGER DESCENDANT OF LEMURIA, YOU ARE FORBIDDEN FROM LEAVING THE CASTLE...


MY LITTLE SISTER'S IN A REBELLIOUS PHASE...
SHUT
?
GROAN
SHOCK

ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
A MAN WHO WOULD RAISE HIS HAND AGAINST A WOMAN IS DESPICABLE. I HATE YOU!
DOUBLE HMPH

SHUT
FOR A WALK! THERE'S NOTHING TO DO IN MY ROOM.
STARE
AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
KACHAK
SNEAK
HUSH
...BUT I'M SO TIRED OF WALKING AROUND THE CASTLE, TOO.
...IT WAS FUN WHEN I COULD WALK WITH HIM.
HOW CAN I SLIP AWAY...
THAT GATE IS THE ONLY EXIT...
...WITHOUT THE GATE GUARDS CATCHING ME?
CYAN WAS SIGHTED IN PRESE?!

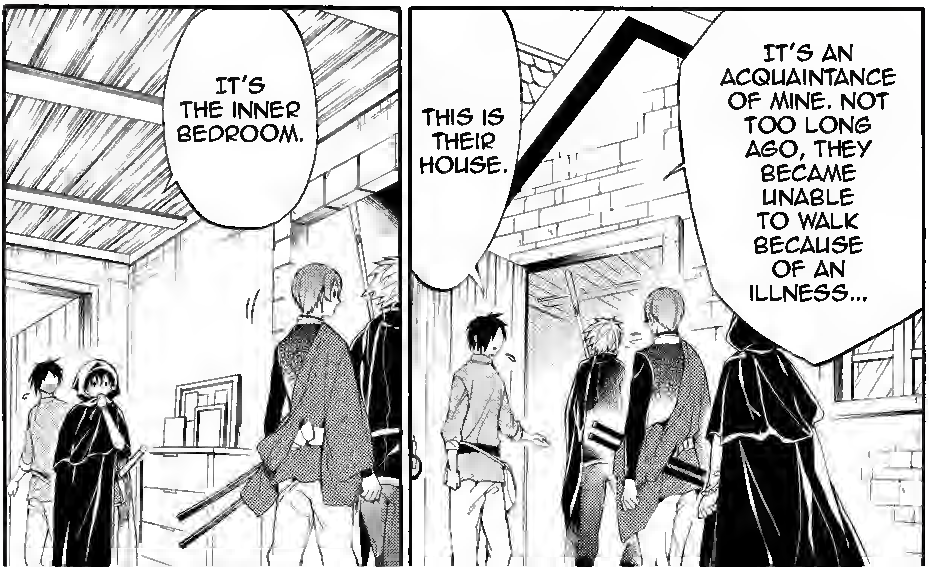
YES.
THEY SAID HE WAS ASKING ABOUT ELEZIONE.
I HEARD THAT THERE'S A BIG COMMOTION IN TOREADOR ABOUT ELEZIONE.
TAP
IF CYAN TRULY WAS SEARCHING FOR THEM, THEN HE COULD BE THERE, TOO...
RATTLE RATTLE
I'M FROM TOREADOR, HERE TO DELIVER VEGETABLES.
I RECOGNIZE YOU. YOU CAN GO ON. THANKS.
...A MERCHANT?
TAK
CAN I HITCH A RIDE HOME WITH YOU? I HAVE TWO DAYS OFF, STARTING TOMORROW!
DO YOU NOW?
WAIT FOR ME BY THE CASTLE PANTRY, WILL YOU? I'M JUST GOING TO GO CHANGE CLOTHES!
DAD! PERFECT TIMING!

Whoa!
TRIP
Now, the pantry was...
ACK
REINE—?!
WHISPER
I NEED A FAVOR, RECRUIT.
WHO THE HECK?!
I-I CAN'T! THEY'D HAVE MY HEAD FOR THAT!
WH...
IF I'M HIDING INSIDE THE WAGON, THE GUARDS WON'T SEE ME.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS HIDE ME IN YOUR FATHER'S WAGON. I'LL COMPENSATE YOU TOO.
I NEED YOU TO TAKE ME WITH YOU, TO TOREADOR.

YOU HAVE TO!
CYAN COULD BE IN TORE-ADOR!
THAT OVERSERIOUS IDIOT LEFT WITHOUT SAYING A WORD TO ME...I CAN'T BELIEVE HIM!
WHAT, SO THAT CYAN GUY'S HER BOY-FRIEND?
...PLEASE.
PLEASE GET ME OUT OF HERE...!
...

Oh dear.
BAM
SMACK
WAIT.
...ARGENT CAVA-LIERS.
THAT'S LUCIE'S HOUSE, THEN.
GUESS WE'RE WAITING UNTIL THEY LEAVE...
THE CAVALIERS ARE LOOKING FOR CYAN...WE CAN'T JUST BUMP INTO THEM.
Ah...
YOU'RE MR. JILL, FROM THE BALLET COMPANY...
EX-CUSE ME...

I... WASN'T SURE WHETHER TO TELL YOU THIS, EARLIER...
BUT ACTUALLY... THERE'S ONE MORE PERSON I SUSPECT OF BEING AN ELEZIONE...
...WHAT?


IT'S AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE. NOT TOO LONG AGO, THEY BECAME UNABLE TO WALK BECAUSE OF AN ILLNESS...
THIS IS THEIR HOUSE.
IT'S THE INNER BEDROOM.

Lucie Belges
IS IT OKAY FOR US TO LET OUR-SELVES IN?
LUCIE BELGES...
THE SUSPECTED BALLET DANCER?
CREAK
SHNK
DOES THIS FRIEND OF YOURS KNOW LUCIE T—

WHUMP
...UNGH...
THNK
THNK
THNK
SZCO
..AFTER THAT MANY STABS, HE HAS TO BE DEAD...
MUTTER
MUTTER
THIS IS ALL FOR LUCIE...IF SOMEONE'S KILLED AGAIN WHILE THE ARGENT CAVALIERS ARE WITH LUCIE...
...IT WILL CLEAR HER NAME...
CREAK
NOW... THE OTHER TWO...

HSSSS
...Wh...!
LOOKS LIKE... I DO DIE WHEN I'M STABBED THROUGH THE HEART, EVEN IF IT'S NOT WITH AN ARGENT BLADE...
...ONLY... MY HEART STARTS AGAIN.
S—
BADUM
STAY AWAY...!
BECAUSE...

...I AM A MONSTER.
SST スッ
GASP はっ
HELP ME! THERE'S A LARVAE!
OH? A LARVAE?
AAAAAH!

THIS ISN'T A FRIEND'S HOUSE. IT'S YOURS.
CRINKLE
THERE WAS A LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU.
YANK
Eep!
TREMBLE TREMBLE
Eep!
Eek
THOUGHT YOU FOOLED US, DID YOU?
AH...
AH...

NICOL
THEY'RE SAYING THERE'S A KNIFE MISSING FROM HIS HOUSE...
THAT KNIFE... BELONGS TO "NICOL"...
...!
THAT HER NAME WOULD BE CLEARED IF SOMEONE DIES AGAIN WHILE SHE'S MEETING WITH ARGENT CAVALIERS.
GASP
YOU SAID...IT WAS FOR LUCIE.

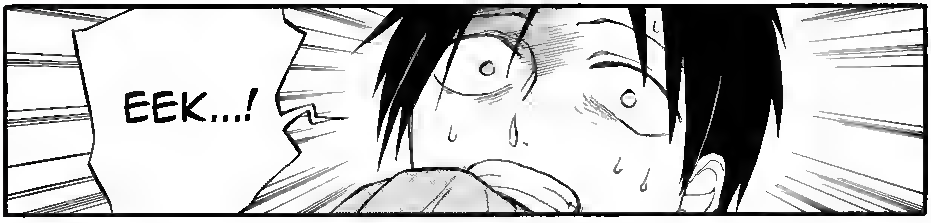
YOU KILLED HIM, DIDN'T YOU, MR. JILL?
...HA HA...
...YEAH. YEAH, I DID.
THE CAVALIERS QUESTIONED LUCIE YESTERDAY, TOO.
I KILLED NICOL THEN.
I SAW LUCIE PERFORMING THE RITUAL!
BUT WHY WOULD YOU RESORT TO MURDER, WHEN THERE COULD BE REAL EVIDENCE THAT SHE ISN'T AN ELEZIONE?
...BECAUSE I SAW IT.

THIS MAKES THREE...
...SHE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. I DECIDED TO DO IT MYSELF.
DID SHE ASK YOU TO CREATE AN ALIBI FOR HER?
...WHAT?
...HUH...? STOP HER...?
IF YOU KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING, WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO STOP HER?!
IF THE GRIM REAPER MAKES HER A NEW LEG...
I REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANY ONE ELSE FOR THE STARRING ROLE!
SHE'S THE MOST INCREDIBLE PRINCIPAL.
...I CAN WATCH HER DANCE AGAIN!

SUCH EMOTION... SUCH GRACE... NO OTHER DANCER CAN MOVE THE HEART SO INTENSELY!
I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO KEEP HER FROM GETTING CAUGHT BEFORE SHE COMPLETES THE RITUAL!
WHEN HER LEG IS FIXED, SHE'LL BE HAPPY TOO—
—HAPPY?
YOU THINK THAT SOMETHING GOTTEN BY KILLING PEOPLE...
...CAN BRING ANYONE HAPPI-NESS?
FREEZE
IF YOU TRULY LOVE HER...
...THEN WHY DON'T YOU TELL HER SHE'S MAKING A MISTAKE? WHY WON'T YOU ACCEPT HER EVEN AFTER SHE'S LOST A LEG?!
YOU... YOU REALIZED WHAT WAS GOING ON!

...WE'RE HANDING YOU OVER TO THE ARGENT CAVALIERS.
NO! PLEASE! NOT YET!
IF SOMEONE DIES WHILE SHE'S WITH THE CAVALIERS, THE SUSPICIONS ABOUT HER WILL BE LIFTED! I HAVE TO...!
YOU'RE STILL TALKING CRAZY?
LET ME GO! YOU'RE LARVAE...!
I-I'LL SHOUT FOR THE CAVA-LIERS! THEY'LL DESTROY YOU!
OH REALLY, NOW...?
WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS NOT FOR HER SAKE,
IT'S FOR YOUR-SELF!

GREAK
GO AHEAD AND TRY. I DARE YOU. WE'LL SUCK YOUR SOUL OUT BEFORE YOU CAN SAY A WORD.


EEK...!

LARVAE!
HEEELP!
SHOVE
THESE PEOPLE, THEY'RE LARVAE!

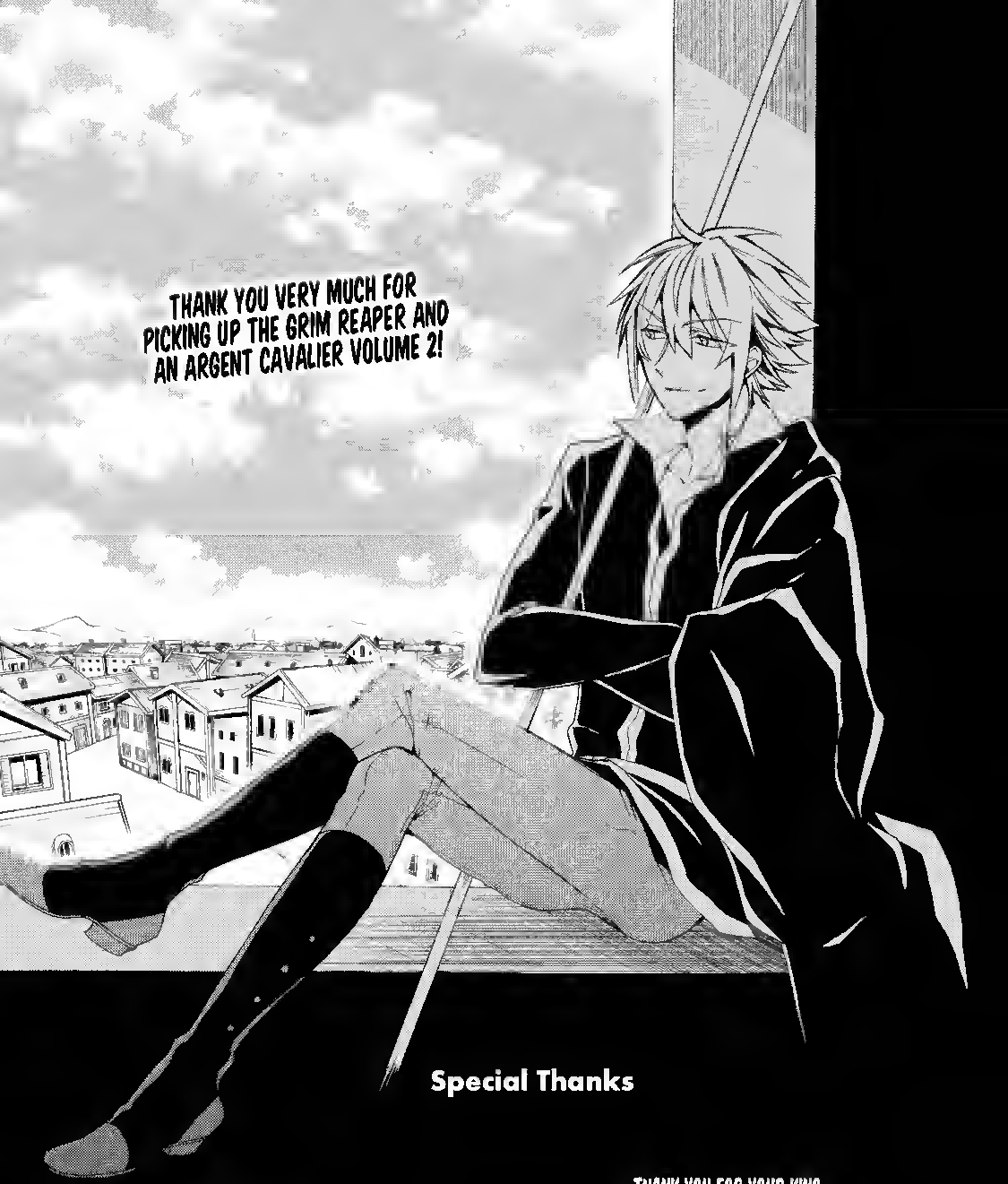
...THEY LOOK HUMAN TO ME.
LARVAE, IN BROAD DAYLIGHT? YEAH, RIGHT.
BESIDES, LARVAE HAVE BUGGY EYES, AND THEY'RE ALL GAUNT.
I SAW THEIR EYES TURN RED!
GRIN
IT'S THE TRUTH! I STABBED ONE THROUGH THE HEART AND IT GOT BACK UP!
HUH?
GRAB
WAIT A SECOND, YOU...
THIS KNIFE... DOESN'T IT BELONG TO THE DEAD BOY? NICOL?
Y-YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG...
I... I DIDN'T KILL HIM!
GASP
WHISPER
WHISPER

MUTTER
7"
...NO... THE FINAL RITUAL HASN'T BEEN PERFORMED... CAN'T GET CAUGHT...
UNTIL THE RITUAL'S COMPLETE, I HAVE TO... I HAVE TO...
MUTTER
7"
DO YOU HEAR YOUR-SELF?
MISS LUCIE...

...IS THAT LUCIE?
LET GO OF ME!
...LET GO...

AFTER HER!
LOOK. A PROSTHETIC LEG.
CREAK
BUMP
ACK!
EXCUSE ME—
BRIGHT...
WHAT'S THE HOLD UP, CYAN? COME ON!

...LYLA?



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I'M JAOE, A SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT THIS SCHOOL.
ボリボリ
SCRITCH SCRATCH
SCHOOL PARODY: LEMURIA ACADEMY!
Fix your clothes! And you call yourself a teacher?!
Do it properly, you failure of a teacher!
It's a pain so...that's that
Roll call eh, you're pretty all here
MY STUDENTS LOVE ME. I'M REALLY POPULAR.
THEY'RE DUE IN TWO DAYS
HAVE YOU FINISHED GRADING THOSE END-OF-TERM EXAMS?
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE DOING ANYTHING
WHUT?
*STAFF OFFICE
JADE-SENSEI
ANO I'M PERFECT AT MY JOB.
I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL... TOMORROW.
SUCH A PAIN
GREAK
DING
WHEN I GIVE IT MY ALL, I CAN GET THINGS DONE IN NO TIME.
CRAP. I HAVEN'T DONE ANY
STACKED HIGH
こんもり

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Back Cover

HE'S AN ENGLISH TEACHER.
THIS IS MY TWIN BROTHER.
WOULD YOU LIKE A SNACK, NII-SAN?
...WELD...
YEAH?
In a flashback in volume one.
YOU SAID...YOU WANTED TO BECOME MY SHIELD AND SWORD
Geez.
YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOURSELF, NII-SAN
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.
I NEED THEM TOMORROW AND I'M NOT EVEN HALF DONE—
CRACKED HIGH
こんもり
WILL YOU HELP ME DEFEAT THE ENEMY CALLED GRADING TESTS...?
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